

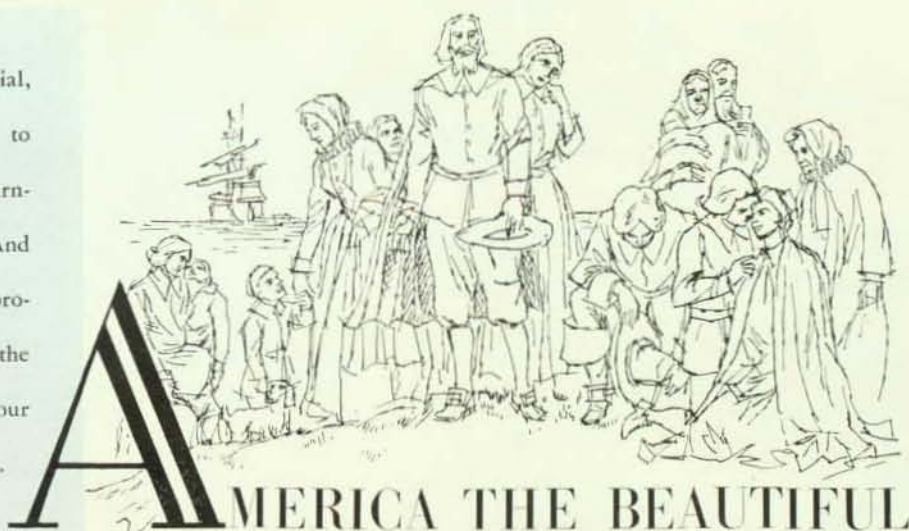
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Thanksgiving Day is a very special, completely American day, dedicated to the counting of our blessings, and returning thanks to our Creator for them. And on this truly American holiday, how appropriate it is for us to give thanks for the land of our birth — or our adoption — our homeland — our America the Beautiful.



AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

—Katharine Lee Bates



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AMERICAN FEDERATION of LABOR

**IN CONVENTION
ASSEMBLED**



President Eisenhower spoke to the convention, the first time in many years a President of the United States has appeared. With him are, on left, Secretary-Treasurer Schnitzler and, on right, A. F. of L. President George Meany.

Margaret Thornburgh, LLPE, tells J. P. McCurdy, United Garment Workers voting is important.



President George Meany makes his keynote speech to convention delegates.



THE American Federation of Labor in Convention assembled is a strong body, an imposing body, and an encouraging sight to the millions of working men and women of organized labor who look to it for guidance and support. When the 73rd Convention opened in Los Angeles on September 20, the AFL stood at the strongest point in its history, its 700 plus, delegates representing more than 10 million members at home, in cities great and small all over the great North American continent.

The Convention got off to a splendid start with delegates and guests singing the National Anthem followed by the Convention invocation offered by Bishop Joseph T. McGucken of Los Angeles, and speeches of welcome by local State and City officials both from government and labor.

When AFL President George Meany accepted the gavel from Temporary Chairman Thomas Ranford, president of the Los Angeles

This was the committee on Local and Federated Bodies, of which President-Emeritus Tracy, at end, was chairman.



During session of Building Trades Convention, collection for LLPE was taken up. Here President Milne makes his contribution.





IBEW delegates. Seated: Louis Marcian, D. W. Tracy; J. S. Milne, Jos. P. Keenan, Frank Riley, L. U. 58. Standing: Frank Doyle, 134; R. J. Carmichael, Schenectady CLU; W. Wagner, Canal Zone CLU; M. Larsen, I. R.; P. F. Clark, Lawrence, Kans., CLU; Mike Fox; E. Bourg, La. SFL; F. Roach, Fla. SFL; Jas. Lance, L. U. 11.



Mike Fox, George Harrison, and George Leighty of rail labor unions chat in lobby.

Nelson Rockefeller, center, Undersecretary of H. E. and W., poses with Pres. Milne, Nelson Cruikshank and Barbers' Pres. W. C. Birthwright.



Ed Miller, Hotel and Restaurant Employees, admires "buy union" ad.

Charles McGowan, Boilermakers and Martin P. Durkin, Plumbers.



Central Labor Council, he received a tremendous ovation. He delivered a stirring keynote address that did full justice to that ovation. President Meany's address was chiefly a fighting political speech in which he castigated the politicians who brag that 1954 is the "second-best year in history." He won a rousing cheer from the delegates when he said, "such politicians should come in second-best in the November elections." "For the unemployed," he continued, "this is not the second-best year, but the worst year of their lives."

President Meany made numerous significant points in his excellent speech. One that should be mentioned especially concerned the world-wide struggle between communism and the free way of life.

"The conflict in the world is not between two great powers, but between a godless ideology and freedom." President Meany said there were two ways in which to cope with the problem which Russia has created in the world of today. "There is the way of surrender, with the peace of oblivion and the slave camp. And there is the other way of building up our own strength, socially, militarily and every other way."

Throughout the course of the six-day, action-packed Convention, delegates listened to many worthwhile and significant speeches. We list the speakers here:

Omer Becu, president of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, pleaded for unity and solidarity as the bulwark against Communist aggression.

Harold E. Stassen, director of the Foreign Operations Administration, traced the United States program of foreign operations and pointed out that over 1,000,000,000 persons in other countries are affected by that program and in turn every home in the United States is affected by its success or its failure.

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell devoted most of his address to a defense of the Administration, which defenses were analyzed and punctured in a commentary from President Meany on

the day following the Secretary's talk.

Fraternal Delegate Vern Witheral of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada in his address to the Convention, stressed the fact that the defense of the free world rests to a large extent upon the efforts of Americans and Canadians united in the common cause of humanity.

David A. Morse, director-general of the International Labor Organization spoke of the work of the ILO to abolish forced labor and urged the support of trade unions.

Nelson Rockefeller, Undersecretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare praised the AFL for its good work of furthering the social programs of Government.

Brother J. G. Baty, fraternal delegate from the British Trades Union Congress, traced the steady progress of the T.U.C. through the 86 years of its existence.

Dr. Karl Gruber, the Austrian ambassador, urged the delegates never to become discouraged in their interest in the peoples of Europe.

J. Albert Woll, general counsel of the AFL, gave an excellent address in which he summarized national and state legislation as it affects organized labor. He stated plainly that organized labor has taken "a tremendous beating" from the NLRB since appointment of the Republican majority.

Moshe Bitan, American representative of Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, told the delegates that the people of Israel are building an island of democracy in a sea of backwardness and were receiving their strongest aid from the trade union movement.

Arthur E. Tiffin, second fraternal delegate from the British Trades Union Congress emphasized the position of world leadership held by the United States and urged free trade unionists of Britain and the United States, to join forces to obliterate the vicious conditions so exploited by the Communists to gain their own ends.

Seaborn P. Collins, National Commander of the American Le-



At gala Hollywood reception, President Meany is welcomed by Lana Turner.



At studio party after NBC telecast of "Operation Entertainment," Pat O'Brien chats with President and Mrs. Milne in stage wing.



Walter Pidgeon held a cocktail party and reception for A. F. of L. officials. He's with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herrold.



Jack Carson and Secretary Schnitzler, both built on large scales, compare size of 'dukes.'



Barber's President Birthwright shows Louis Marcianite, center, and Frank Martel of Detroit the photograph made of himself and Colonna.

This photograph was made as President Meany was before the television camera on the coast-to-coast network stressing the vital role of labor.



gion in his address to the Convention, was critical of the present Administration for failure to formulate plans and action capable of halting the Reds.

Anna P. Kelsey, president of the American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor urged trade union education for women lest labor's enemies lure them to beliefs out of harmony with organized labor's principles.

J. Scott Milne, our International President, addressed the Convention in his capacity as President of the International Labor Press of America. He made a strong appeal to all national and international labor unions for more support—moral and financial—for the labor press, which he said "is our greatest organ of strength and protection and our means of keeping our people alert."

Governor Luis Munoz Marin of Puerto Rico spoke chiefly of Puerto Rico's significant gains in recent years against poverty and disease.

Edmundo F. Nolasco, executive vice president of the Federation of the Free Workers of the Philippines outlined the successful strug-



Jerry Colonna, right, gives lesson in eye-popping to Jim Weber, IBEW photographer, who covered conclave.

Dinah Shore, who performed on the TV show, chats with Frank Alexander, Ransdell, Inc. photographer.



President-Emeritus Tracy, left, and John Murphy, Bricklayer secretary, flank comedian Jack Haley at party.



New officers of the Building Trades Department are sworn in by Robt. Byron at rostrum. President Milne is at far left.

President Milne is pictured as he reported on meetings of International Labor Press Assn.



gle of his organization against Communists and racketeers.

Irving Brown, the AFL's representative in Europe asserted plainly that the situation among the democratic nations is not good. Chiefly as a result of the Administration's conduct of foreign affairs, these nations are losing unity and strength.

President Eisenhower appeared before the Convention on its fifth day of sessions and received a cordial welcome. The President praised the American Federation of Labor for its long history of opposition to communism in all its forms. The President also said "I have a very great comprehension of what organized labor has done for this country."

Also on the fifth day, James McDevitt, Director of Labor's League for Political Education spoke to the Convention delegates. He appealed for more of the "little dollars" so needed to help LLPE in its efforts to aid candidates who would be fair to members of organized labor.

Mrs. Margaret Thornburgh, director of the Women's Division of LLPE asked for the support of the delegates in helping her to do her job of getting the organized labor point of view over to the women voters.

Major General Melvin J. Maas, Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped, urged the



This solid phalanx of press cameras greeted President Eisenhower's appearance.

Below: Maurice Hutcheson, president of Carpenters, and Paddy Sullivan of IBEW L. U. 134 at Building Trades Convention.



The Committee on Organization poses for a group photograph. Chairman is William C. Doherty, right, seated. Frank Roche, L. U. 349, 3rd from right, standing.



At right: A view of the delegates as they listened to Eisenhower.

continued support of the AFL in the work of absorbing the physically handicapped into normal employment, and presented a citation to President Meany for his personal leadership in this work.

There were few speeches on the last day of the Convention because of the great grist of business which had to be completed. However, following their unanimous election, President Meany and Secretary Schnitzler both addressed the Convention briefly.

"When you pay respect to me" said President Meany, "I feel that actually what you are doing is paying respect to this great organization. The work of this organization is done by many, many people."

Secretary Schnitzler said, "Our future is ours to make. I'll be part of you as we do that."

In bringing you this brief report, we have merely had space to mention the names and themes of the addresses of the many speakers who talked at the AFL meet. There was a vast amount of important work performed by this 73rd Convention also, both in committee and on the floor of the Convention, in which the delegates forged a constructive, dynamic program for the 10 million members of the Federation to follow. Some of the highlights of that program we summarize for you here.

The Convention condemned the



Morris Novik, holding microphone, director of radio for the A. F. of L., interviews the wife of the governor of Puerto Rico at convention.

Seattle's Frank Turco shook his snowy head as he spoke.



Secretary Keenan speaks to Building Trades delegates.



A. F. of L. vice presidents talk on rostrum awaiting convention to begin. IBEW's Dan Tracy on left, Carpenters' Hutcheson, center, Rail Clerk's President George Harrison.



At left: The Canadian delegates pose with officials Meany and Schnitzler at convention.

Republican Administration for having established a "Government of, by and for Big Business." There was especial condemnation for the "giveaways" of the nation's resources, failure to enact a fair tax reduction program, for failure to enact an adequate housing program for low-income families. Other resolutions and committee reports condemned stacking of government agencies such as the NLRB with personnel unfavorable to the laws they must administer. The Convention passed a 10-point program of action designed to bolster the nation's economy, boost buying power and increase jobs. It covered a number of constructive points including public works, taxes, housing and farm aid.

An extremely advantageous program within the AFL itself was adopted by this 73rd Convention. Steps were taken to advance AFL-CIO unity and also to settle internal disputes over jurisdiction between members in the AFL's own house of labor. The Convention called upon all member organizations to make the no-raid pact work.

Also within its own house, the AFL pledged its cooperation to exposing irregularities in some union health and welfare funds and promised to do all in its power to eliminate abuses.

President Meany said, "This is sacred money that belongs to these members and we must pro-

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Above: Karl Gruber, Ambassador from Austria, addresses the convention.



Left: Matthew Woll, at left with glasses, sits with resolutions committee he chaired.



Delegates enthusiastically cast their votes on choice of 1956 convention city, Seattle, Washington.



Delegates give a rising ovation to President George Meany as he is re-elected president.



President-Emeritus Tracy at the Metal Trades meeting.



Sec.-Treas. Schnitzler looks at Korean prisoner's tattoos.

IN the eighth annual negotiation conference, held October 6 to 15, inclusive, with the RCA Service Company, Inc., further improvements were made in the working conditions and wage rates for IBEW members employed as television installation and service technicians by this company.

Negotiations this year were for a national agreement, the same as in the years since 1947 when the first agreement was negotiated between RCA and IBEW. The company operates approximately 165 television service branches throughout the United States, providing factory service on RCA Victor television receivers only. The number of technicians employed in a branch varies widely, from two or three men to more than a hundred in some of the larger units. Over 60 local unions of the Brotherhood have members employed under the terms of this national agreement.

Television service is truly a postwar branch of the electrical trade. Sale of TV receivers to the general public did not commence until late in 1946, and then only in three or four cities of the United States. Commercial telecasting began later. Many locals are making great strides in the organization of these workers, and as a result the work is being made an occupation at which a properly trained person may be gainfully employed. IBEW has been and is continuing to push for organization of television technicians so that it will become one of the better paid classifications in the electrical industry.

A complete new agreement was negotiated with the RCA Service Company this year at the conference held in Washington, D. C. The new agreement is for a term of two years with a provision for reopening on the matter of basic wages in 1955.

Representatives from 21 of the locals with members employed by the RCA Service Company were in attendance at the negotiations this year. Many other locals involved sent their suggestions and recommendations for consideration by the Negotiating Committee. A two day pre-negotiating session was

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I.B.E.W. and R.C.A. Representatives on Negotiating Committee: Left to right: A. J. Martin, Local 1452; T. F. McAllister, Local 1430; Jack McCarthy, Local 1430; Taylor L. Blair, Int. Rep.; Lawson Wimberly, Assistant to International President; Edward J. Bird, Local 202; Frank J. Bradshaw, Int. Representative; Ed Lane, Local 134; Wm. J. Novak, Local 38; Al Seipman, Local 1; Clinton G. Brame, Local 11; and J. Siegel, R. C. Gray, D. A. Shaw, Jesse Lippincott, Jr., J. F. Murray, Jr., D. H. Kunsman, G. W. Pfister, S. E. Baker, L. G. Borgeson and D. K. Thorne.



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RENEW NATION-WIDE AGREEMENT WITH RCA SERVICE CO., INC.



Members of the I.B.E.W. Negotiating Committee: Left to right: R. L. Halliburton, Local 1423; H. W. Rhodes, Local 1076; E. J. Bozigar, Local 1442; B. M. Rice, Local 1467; Wendell Ford, Local 1454; E. T. Wludyka, Local 1447; John Czerechowicz, Local 134; A. S. Porter, Local 1452; Robert Dowd, Local 1446; W. R. Wilcox, Local 1447; Rocco Catalfamo, Local 1481; Eugene V. Nelson, Local 46; H. S. Eadline, Local 1448; Dan Stephenson, Local 613; R. Shaw, Local 613.

Editorial

by J. SCOTT MILNE, Editor

We View the Election

The shouting and the tumult have died down, the votes have been counted and recounted, and now comes the time when we look the November 1954 election situation over to see just where the legislative bodies of our country stand, from the labor point of view. The results were not everything organized labor had hoped for, but they were good and we believe, cast an encouraging shadow of things to come.

It was very good news to many, that the Democrats had captured control both of the House and of the Senate, plus eight governorships. But this is the significant point to us. Believing firmly, and advocating at all times the old Gompers precept so oft repeated on these editorial pages—"Reward your friends and defeat your enemies," as a result of this mid-term election, the working people of our nation should get a little better deal than they received from the 83rd Congress.

According to the analysis by Labor's League for Political Education, here's how the record for the 84th Congress stands. Working men and women will have 23 more friends in the House and four more in the Senate than they had in the 83rd, plus 40 fewer Congressmen and four Senators who consistently voted against them from the labor point of view.

This analysis would certainly indicate that the new Congress will strike a more liberal course with respect to AFL legislative objectives, in spite of the fact that labor still lacks favorable majorities in Congress.

Looking back at the election, a number of other significant thoughts come to mind. There was concrete evidence that working people, conscious of their duties as citizens, and mindful that their own future was at stake, went to the polls in large numbers. The best example of this comes to us from the reports on the large industrial areas where members of organized labor are found in greatest numbers. In those sections candidates supported by LLPE won overwhelming support at the polls. In the light of this fact, it is felt that our labor people have been alerted and that two years hence will see the American Federation of Labor winning its all-out fight for a "thoroughly liberal Congress in 1956." In its report to the 1954 Convention in Los Angeles in September, the Executive Council of the AFL had said that a pro-labor majority in Congress was unlikely before 1956. So far

from being discouraged by the 1954 trend, we may certainly be encouraged.

Another fact is evident from the November 2 returns. The Republicans won by a landslide in 1952. The 1954 results can only be considered a rebuke to their Administration.

And so, while the Congressional line-up as we view it is still anti-labor, and a combination vote of reactionaries in both the Democratic and Republican parties can still defeat progressive legislation, those reactionaries, remembering the 1954 election and anticipating the 1956 one to come, may decide to follow a more liberal course.

One more observation. This election proved beyond doubt, that the number of "thinking" voters is increasing yearly. More and more people, and working people especially, are beginning to look at the records before they vote. The era is passing when a man votes the straight Democratic or Republican ticket because he always has and "his father before him." The right way to vote is for principles and standards and for the man who offers the best promise of upholding those principles and beliefs and standards, regardless of his party affiliation.

This last election saw Republicans and Democrats being voted for on the same ballot. Our labor people and many others are voting more and more for persons and principles rather than parties. We are glad. Sam Gompers would have been glad too.

To sum up, the legislative picture from labor's viewpoint today is encouraging and the promise for 1956 is excellent. However, we must all bear in mind—that the 1956 promise can only be brought to fruition if we of organized labor will continue to support LLPE and vote in every election.

About the Campaign

There is one aspect of the recent election campaign that makes us disgusted and a little sick. The 1954 election carried with it more smears than have been employed in any election of recent years. Wielding the "red" brush and labeling candidates of the opposition as "followers of the Communist line" was common practice among electioneers from the ward level, right up to the higher echelons, even including the Vice President of the United States. If many of the statements made during the campaign were true, then in some 10 or 12 states of our country, Com-

munists or near Communists were elected on November 2. Fortunately, a look at their records in the clear light of truth clears them of the charges heaped on them or rather slung (as in mud) at their heads.

Some people may shrug their shoulders and say, "It's freedom of speech. It's just the American way." Well, I for one can't pass these facts over lightly. Lies, half-truths, innuendoes, poison campaigns, have never been the true American way. It has always been our opinion that such tactics belonged to dictator-dominated groups like the Nazis and Fascists who employed the "Big Lie" with such success.

Fortunately, the scheme met with little success on November 2. We are glad the majority of the American people had too much sense to be misled by the big-lie technique.

However, there is another aspect to the case. The kind of propaganda published in the last campaign, whether repudiated by the American voters or not, must certainly have some repercussions among our friends abroad, and the situation surely was not one to engender respect and confidence.

One more point—we hope that the Democrats, now that they are in control of the House and Senate, will have the good sense not to retaliate, however strong the desire to turn the tables may be. For the good of our nation both at home and abroad, let us hope that the men we have elected to office and those who aid them will have the decency and integrity to reject use of smear tactics for the vile practice it is.

Future Of Our Industry

Last month in New Orleans, Louisiana, the National Electrical Contractors Association held its 53rd Anniversary Convention. A highlight of that Convention was the significant address of its president, Don B. Clayton.

A number of statements made in that address were important statements for the IBEW. One of these was:

"The year 1953 was our biggest year, with all indications that 1954 will be equal to it, and 1955 is expected to be as good as 1954 or better."

To members of the IBEW who will do the work that the Contractors expect to get—that is extremely good news.

A second significant statement was this one:

"We of NECA are not living up to our responsibilities as representatives of the entire industry. We have taken what to us was the easy—and selfish—approach. We prefer, and naturally so, what we consider the cream of the work, leaving a tremendous volume of small units of work for others to do, if they get done, because we just don't happen to like that type of work. A vast number of the public are vitally interested in that small unit work, however, for it means the difference between using and not using many appliances that they want, and in many cases, buy, assuming that they can be used."

And here, Brothers and Sisters, is where we can take a leaf out of the Contractors' book. We are guilty of just the same sins that Mr. Clayton speaks of here. We have neglected house wiring and small repair and installation jobs, up till recently with impunity, because there has been lots of "big" work. But it may not always be thus and someday we may want and actually need, small jobs, any kind of jobs. Will we get them? In all probability not. The boys that have been doing them all along, the non-union men whom we have failed to organize, are going to continue to do this work—and for sub-union rates. Many of our members are young. They do not remember the grim period after the '29 crash when hungry men, thousands of Electrical Workers among them, stood in soup lines, grateful for any handout given to them. We should protect our work now—preserve our jurisdiction—by organizing all who do electrical work and by doing everything electrical.

Remember too, that we have thousands of members in all branches of our Brotherhood. Every electrical appliance installed in a home creates jobs for our people who make them. Every added outlet and appliance installed in a home increases kilowatt hours consumed, maintaining the work of our people in utilities.

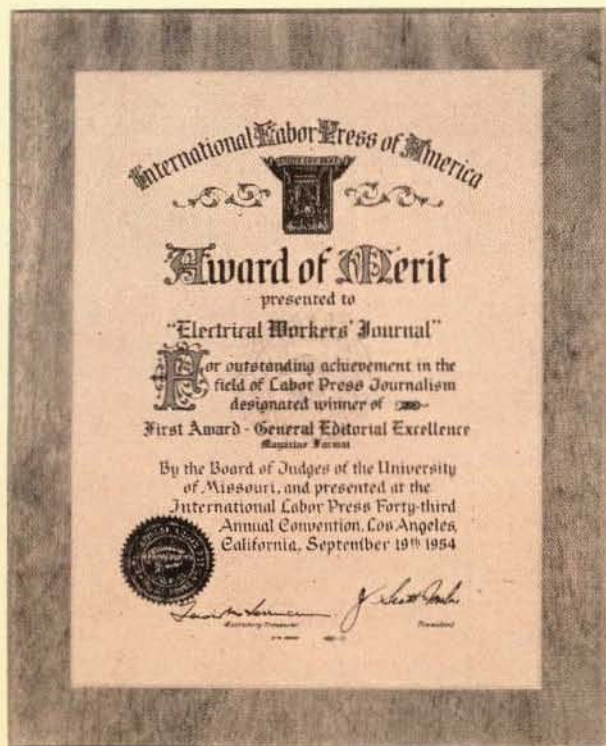
The electrical industry has a great future. We believe that the IBEW has a great future also, but that future will only be as great as we its members decree by our actions and our work that it is going to be.

Labor Unity

The news for unity on the labor front is good—good for us and very bad for our anti-labor enemies. The "divide-and-conquer" boys see disaster for many of their schemes, provided organized labor as represented by the AFL and CIO has the wisdom and the foresight and the good common sense to effect an amalgamation.

The Labor Unity Committee met last month in Washington and set as their goal, merger of the AFL and CIO into a single labor federation before the end of 1955. Terms of the amalgamation which would unite more than 14 million workers under one banner, will be worked out by a six-man subcommittee headed by AFL President George Meany and CIO President Walter P. Reuther. The merger plan as proposed by the Unity Committee will definitely preserve the integrity of each affiliated national and international union.

Of course there are obstacles, great obstacles that stand in the way of the merger. But if we will remember the obstacles that our forefathers overcame, in building our labor movement and raising working men and women to the respected position which they hold today, and if we bear in mind the fruit of the merger—solidarity of action, strength of union—then the obstacles will not seem so great. We believe they can be overcome and will be overcome—and the rewards will be sweet.



OUR JOURNAL IS *Honored* ILPA'S LARGEST MEET

Left: One of the three awards of merit won by your Journal in the competition sponsored by the International Labor Press of America is reproduced.



The three awards bestowed by the impartial judges from the University of Missouri School of Journalism are displayed here by President Milne.

Below: James Garrison gets *Detroit Building Tradesman* merit award plaque from Pres. Milne. At far left is Frank C. Riley, B.M. of L.U. 58, Detroit, one of unions supporting the paper.

ON September 17, 18 and 19 at the Hotel Ambassador in Los Angeles, the International Labor Press of America concluded the largest and most successful convention in its history—the 43rd. There were many highlights of that Convention and we shall try to bring some of them to the attention of our readers. However the event that was a very special highlight to us and we feel sure will be to all our JOURNAL readers also, came on the last night of the convention, but we shall give it first preference here. We refer to the Annual International Labor Press of America Awards Banquet, at which merit plaques are given yearly to the labor magazines and papers judged by experts to be the best in their field. The panel of judges which served this year, were the dean and staff members of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri, one of the outstanding schools of journalism in the United States. The editor of our JOURNAL, J. Scott Milne, is also President of the International Labor Press of America, having been unanimously elected last year to succeed Matthew Woll who had served as ILPA president for more than 40 years.



President Milne presided at the banquet and presented the awards to the winning editors. However, he was forced to step down from the rostrum at the very beginning of the presentation ceremonies, to accept three awards for the *ELECTRICAL WORKER'S JOURNAL* from ILPA's Secretary Lewis M. Herrmann. We feel sure it will please all our members to know that your *JOURNAL* won the coveted top award of all classes—that for "General Editorial Excellence." This award takes in all fields—editorials, stories, articles, features, covers, pictures, general make-up and layout. This is the second year in a row that this honor has been bestowed upon us. At the risk of "tooting our own horn" we feel that our readers should also know, that we are the only international union ever to win this award twice in succession and the only one ever to take the top award three times (having won it in 1950).

And here, we wish to make a plain statement. Your *JOURNAL* editor and his staff do not take credit for these awards. It has been a joint enterprise and the credit must be shared with many people—our press secretaries who have sent us so many fine letters and pictures, our local union officers and members who have helped us with our articles and stories, our printers who have worked with

President Milne, also president of the ILPA, conducts a meeting. At left is Frank Martel, vice president and on right is Lewis Herrmann, secretary-treasurer of ILPA.



During the progress of one of the discussion groups held by the ILPA in course of its convention, Irving Klass, editor of the Chicago Federation of Labor publication, *The Federationist*, discusses role of labor press.



Speaking at the rostrum on left side of the photo above is Gordon Cole, editor of the Machinists' weekly publication as members sit in meeting.

As Pres. Milne looks on, Herrmann presents scroll honoring Matthew Woll for his service to ILPA to Albert Woll, son of the ILPA former president who was ill at time.



Chris Plunkett, representing L.U. 3, New York, accepts plaque for best weekly feature article from President Milne on behalf of editor of *Electrical Union World*.



Thomas Mitchell, center, famed Hollywood character actor, introduced his distinguished nephew, Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, featured ILPA banquet speaker.



President Milne thanks the Secretary of Labor, James P. Mitchell for courtesy of addressing ILPA banquet guests.



The award-winning publications were posted on a bulletin board at meet. Committee members arrange display.

us, those who have sent us ideas, comments, criticisms and suggestions. What has been done with our JOURNAL has been done by us all. With the continued interest and support of all our readers, we hope that we can make our JOURNAL a magazine in which all can take pride.

In addition to the top award for international publications, the JOURNAL also won first prize for the best feature story of the year. (Story selected by the judges was "The Doll and Toy Worker's Story" one of our "Know Your AFL" series, which appeared in our December 1953 issue.) Still another honor came to us in receiving second prize for the best cover of the year. (The September 1953 issue which pictured two

school children waiting at a traffic light.)

So much for the account of the honors paid to our JOURNAL. Other highlights of the successful press meeting are summarized here.

The entire opening day of the convention was devoted to a workshop forum. This forum which was moderated by President Milne as chairman, was planned by the Institute of Industrial Relations of the University of California and employed a number of experts in the writing, editing, art and printing fields. It was a most interesting and profitable session which continued until 11 o'clock Friday night and was extremely well attended.

The International Labor Press of America meetings held on Sat-

urday and Sunday were business sessions with a great grist of work being turned out by committees and through general discussion. Numerous speakers, including AFL President Meany and Secretary Schnitzler were guests of the convention.

The business sessions were broken each day by colorful luncheons featuring guest speakers.

The luncheon on Sunday was in honor of President Milne, and the guest speaker who was selected to pay tribute to him was our own President Emeritus D. W. Tracy who gave a beautiful speech of praise and commendation "to a man with whom I have been associated many years and who has always been fired with energy,

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FOURTH DISTRICT MEET

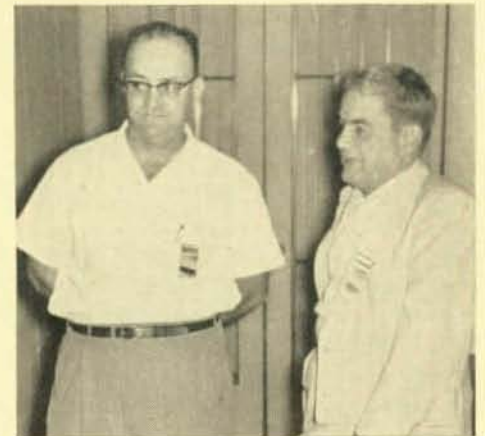


Fred R. Rauch, vice president of Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, chats with William Marksberry, L.U. 1347 business manager.

Fourth District delegates also enjoyed some fine entertainment. Here an acrobatic dancer adds life to the show.



Reporting for L.U. 38 at the Progress Meeting is Joseph E. Coyle. In foreground is Peter Zicarelli, L.U. 1377.



Charles M. Quinn, business manager of L.U. 70, discusses progress with J. C. Masters, business manager of L.U. 71.

Speakers included, from left, Fourth District Vice President Gordon M. Freeman, International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan, Cincinnati Gas and Electric's Fred R. Rauch, International President J. Scott Milne, AVCO Manufacturing Corporation's Vice President Clarence Felix and Industrial Relations Manager H. C. Tipping.





This picture, taken October 29, 1929, shows a huge crowd in panic on New York's famous Wall street

B LACK Tuesday, October 29, 1929, is only a memory now after 25 years. But since this is the anniversary year of that crisis in American history, it is well to review the event and its effects which, of course, have bearing on the present.

On that Black Tuesday in 1929, some 16,000,000 shares were dumped on the Stock Exchange causing panic on Wall Street. A decline in value by the end of 1929 has been estimated at \$15,000,000,000. Testimony before a Senate Committee brought out that stock losses affecting 25 million persons amounted to an estimated \$50,000,000,000 during the period 1929-1931. Ugly aftermath included many suicides and a prison sentence for the president of the New York Stock Exchange.

Upon the heels of the crash, chaos spread across the nation leaving stories of bankruptcies and mortgage foreclosures in its wake. Factories, shops, offices closed their doors, spilling masses of unemployed into the streets. While in rural districts distraught farmers, already in economic distress, found their troubles increasingly multiplied.

Leaders in Government at first convinced themselves that these

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THE GREAT CRASH

Millions of unemployed depended upon the Salvation Army to provide them with food as they trooped from one factory or construction project to another searching for a job. Here men shelve their pride and accept a cup of soup on a cold January day in 1934.



circumstances were just fitful clouds which had paused over the nation but which would soon blow away. Then there would be left only a clean blue sky of permanent prosperity.

Despite all good hopes, such ignominious sights as bread lines, soup kitchens and apple vendors became common to American cities. And the lean spectre of hunger which frequented streets and avenues, soon was hurrying along country lanes, terrorizing tenants and sharecroppers. In the Southwest, drought had joined hands with the national spectre and in one year in Arkansas alone, 100,000 persons were actually faced with starvation.

In the summer of 1932, a desperate army of some 10,000 to 15,000 unemployed veterans, with no hope of finding jobs in the wealthiest nation on earth, camped in hastily-built hovels on Anacostia flats in the Capital as Congress sat in session. Here they learned that the Senate had failed to pass the Patman Bonus Bill.

Private charitable organizations strained their every resource in trying to feed ever-growing numbers of hopeless men and women and children. And the numbers of unemployed, although at first minimized by publishers, could not be kept from growing. By the early

part of 1933, 12,000,000 men and women were unemployed. These were breadwinners with children and dependents in their care. For workingmen who had jobs, salaries were grossly inadequate and there were no guarantees against prolonged "vacations" from work. (In 1931 the average worker received much less than \$1,500.00 per year.)

These were conditions in the United States, but the depression was world-wide. Europe had emerged a derelict from a heroic war for democracy, on which some men had fattened their pockets in munitions traffic. The Orient long burdened by the woes of great wealth and abject poverty, added its miseries to an economically depressed world.

Men were desperate, and we feel their panic when we remember the words of Lloyd George—"Without the dole there would before this have been revolution in England."

By 1930-1931, in China, where it was reported that some 10,000 people were dying every day from starvation, communism was gaining the ground which it came to use against us so effectively in Korea. India seethed with revolt. Communists, who in the year 1923 alone had murdered hundreds of thousands of Russian citizens, were brewing a civil war in Spain. In a

Germany shackled by heavy war reparations, the radical twin of communism was deftly at work. And in the United States, the Fish Investigation Committee had reported approximately 500,000 adults supporting the principles of atheistic communism.

The post-World War I period in the United States has been described as one of feverish materialism in which 63 percent of Americans, by the year 1930, professed no church affiliation. It has been pictured as a time of uncontrolled mass production, of wholesale tax-free exportation of money for competitive industrial purposes, when the compound profit system made industrialists millionaires at the expense of a just wage for the laborer.

It was a period in which no one foresaw the crash of 1929, and in which no one had prepared to meet it. The Hoover Administration, caught unawares, was to find no answer in higher tariffs nor in seeking foreign markets in a bankrupt world. It was to find that the wisdom of declaring a moratorium on war debts, did not compensate in the minds of voters for unalleviated problems of unemployment. The Administration which had awakened too late with too little industrial and home loans and public works, turned over a somber country to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and a Democratic House and Senate on March 4, 1933.

Even as President Roosevelt took office, an arms race was on in Europe, and in this country banks closed their doors sending fresh panic throughout the nation.

"New Deal" measures were pressed rapidly into effect. Immediate relief went to the misery-ridden hungry and homeless through Federal spending. Banks came under closer Federal supervision so that private banks could no longer hold stores of gold and silver and dominate the issue of currency by the United States. Federal credit to individuals and corporations was enlarged to effective size. Billions of dollars were poured into subsidies for farmers and into public

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This became a familiar scene across the land as unemployed in St. Louis took up the selling of apples.



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

*Minutes and Report of the International Executive Council.
Regular Meeting Beginning September 3, 1954.*

THIS meeting began at 2:00 P.M. Friday, September 3, 1954 following adjournment of the Brotherhood's Chicago Convention.

All Council members present—Paulsen, Marcianite, Caffrey, McMillian, Scholtz, Broach, Carle, Foehn and Cockburn.

Our last minutes and report were approved.

The auditor's reports were examined and filed.

PITTSBURGH CASE REOPENED

During our June-July 1954 meeting an appeal of Local Union 149 of Pittsburgh, Pa. was granted. The Council's decision was published in the August-September IBEW JOURNAL.

Following that decision, Local Unions 140—142—and 148 requested that the case be reopened so their representatives could be heard. The Council granted the request and the interested parties were notified.

Following adjournment of the Brotherhood's Chicago Convention, the following appeared before us:

Thomas B. Day, President L. U. 140
Kenneth J. Raynes, Pres. L. U. 142
James N. Flaig, Vice Pres. L. U. 142
Harvey C. Cook, Fin. Secy. L. U. 142
Robt. D. Nelson, Jr., Treas. L. U. 142
David R. Graffius, Chairman, Ex. Board L. U. 142
E. D. Shrader, Former Pres. L. U. 144
John Eastley, President L. U. 147
Martin J. Carney, Pres. L. U. 148
T. C. Thomas, Pres. L. U. 149
Verner A. Kortz, Rec. Secy. L. U. 149

All Represented

All six Local Unions on the property of the Duquesne Light Company of Pittsburgh were represented. During the hearing it was made known that three favored the Executive Council's decision and three did not.

The spokesman for the three Local Unions requesting the hearing stated: "We are not appealing the Council's decision. But we wanted to be heard and to point out certain things to you."

All who wished to be heard were given full opportunity. After this, the Council considered all that was presented and took no action.

CANADIAN DELEGATES HEARD

This proposal was made to our Chicago Convention:

"RESOLVED, that a new Vice Presidential District be created in Canada from Eastern boundary of Manitoba to the outer boundaries of the Pacific Coast."

These Local Unions submitted the proposal:

No. 65 Butte, Montana.
No. 213 Vancouver, B.C., Canada.
No. 344 Prince Rupert, B.C., Canada.
No. 348 Calgary, Alta., Canada.
No. 424 Edmonton, Alta., Canada.
No. 506 St. Paul, Minnesota.
No. 921 Fernie, B. C., Canada.
No. 1739 Barrie, Ont., Canada.

The Convention referred the proposal to the Executive Council. And the following Canadian delegates appeared before us:

J. H. Waplington, Pres. L. U. 213
Art O'Keeffe, Vice Pres. L. U. 213
Wm. C. Daley, Rec. Secy. L. U. 213
Angus D. MacDonald, Treas. L. U. 213
J. McSorley, Ex. Board L. U. 213
C. C. Moore, Member L. U. 213
E. A. Knight, Member L. U. 213
J. C. Watson, Pres. L. U. 348
F. E. C. Bell, Vice Pres. L. U. 348
A. O. Gardner, Rec. Secy. L. U. 348
G. E. Fraser, Fin. Secy. L. U. 1007
R. M. MacDonald, Rec. Secy. L. U. 1007

Action Deferred

International Vice President Raymond was invited to be present. However, he took no part in the discussion.

The Council deferred action until a later meeting. We want to check certain information, obtain certain data, and to give the matter more study.

CHARGES OF DENVER JOHNSTONE

Denver T. Johnstone is General Chairman of Railroad System Council No. 14. He filed charges with Vice President Duffy against Albert E. Lawson, Treasurer of Railroad Local Union 889, Los Angeles, California.

Johnstone is also a member of this Local. He and Lawson, with others, were on the ballot for election of delegates to the IBEW Chicago Convention. Lawson and M. W. Hayden, Local President, were elected. Johnstone was not. He became an alternate. Johnstone claimed improper use of absentee ballots and charged Lawson with violating three laws. These read:

"Absentee ballots will be furnished all members unable to attend meetings by reason of sickness, working out of town, or working night shifts"—(Article III, Section 8 of Local Union bylaws).

"(10) Slandering or otherwise wronging a member of the I.B.E.W. by any wilful act or acts"—(Article XXVII, Section 2 of I.B.E.W. Constitution).

"(21) Wilfully committing fraud in connection with obtaining or furnishing credentials for delegates to the I.C. or being connected with any fraud in voting during the I.C."—(Article XXVII, Section 2 of I.B.E.W. Constitution).

Withdrew Three Charges

Vice President Duffy wrote Johnstone that he (Duffy) was required to submit the charges to the International Executive Council because of Article II, Section 13 of our Constitution. This reads:

"Any International or L. U. officer, or any member, who wilfully commits fraud in connection with obtaining or furnishing credentials for delegates to the I.C.—or who is connected with any fraud in voting during the I.C.—shall be tried by the I.E.C. The I.E.C. shall render decision and decide the penalty."

Johnstone next withdrew his three charges against Lawson. He then filed one charge with this Executive Council against Lawson and Hayden, President of the Local Union. Both were charged with "Wilfully committing fraud in connection with obtaining and furnishing credentials for delegates to the I.C. . . ."

The Executive Council finds that this entire matter results from the charge that absentee ballots were given members who were not entitled to them. (There is no claim that any member voted twice.) We find, therefore, that if any law was violated it was the Local Union's bylaw.

It was never intended that such disputes or charges arising out of Local Union elections should be heard by the Executive Council, except when an appeal is taken to us. The law last quoted above was intended to cover cases where any delegate's credentials are

fraudulently obtained without an election—or without consent of the Local Union—and where fraud is committed in voting during a Convention.

For these reasons, we decline to consider the charge filed with us by Johnstone. He is free to reinstate his first two charges with the Vice President.

CASE OF EUGENE AIKEN

June 2, 1954 International President Milne denied the appeal of Eugene Aiken of Inside Local Union 369, Louisville, Kentucky.

July 7 Aiken appealed to this Executive Council—five days too late. We have repeatedly pointed out that appeals, "to be considered, must be made within 30 days from the date of the decision appealed from." This is the Brotherhood's law (Article XXVII, Section 17) and we have no choice but to follow it.

CASE OF LOCAL UNION 863

Railroad Local Union 863, New Orleans, Louisiana requested our opinion as to whether one of its members had violated the I.B.E.W. Constitution.

The Local Union was advised that the Executive Council does not give such opinions except when an appeal is before us for review and decision. We cannot attempt to prejudge any case that might later come before us on appeal.

CASE OF PATRICK HANCOCK

The Business Manager of Local Union 1245 (Outside and Utility) of San Francisco, California charged that Patrick T. Hancock had violated Article XXVII, Section 2, paragraphs (6) and (7) of our Constitution. These provisions read:

"(6) Publishing or circulating among the membership, or among L. U.'s, false reports or misrepresentation.

"(7) Sending letters or statements, anonymous or otherwise, or making oral statements, to public officials or others which contain untruths about, or which misrepresent a L. U., its officers or representatives, or officers or representatives of the I.B.E.W."

Hancock was found guilty and expelled from membership by the Local Union Trial Board. His appeal comes to this Executive Council after being denied by the International Vice President and President.

Executive Council's Review

Our review shows the following:

1. The California State Senate Un-American Activities Committee subpoenaed Hancock and four other members of Local Union 1245 to appear for questioning.
2. Hancock and the four others, before appearing, met with the Local Union's Business Manager. They wanted the Local Union to

provide lawyers. The Business Manager opposed this, saying it was an individual and not a Union matter—that the Union should not be involved.

3. When Hancock and the four others appeared before the Un-American Activities Committee they refused to answer questions.
4. Statements were then made by Hancock and the others to the public press which received much publicity. Hancock and others also circulated printed statements among the Local Union's membership.

International President Milne's decision states:

"... it is clear to me that you definitely attempted to make your personal problem a union matter, and that you thus created the false impression publicly that the Union itself was under investigation.

"The printed statement you issued and those you circulated certainly misrepresented the Local Union's position, its membership, its officers and representatives and those of this International Brotherhood."

Findings of Council

After studying all the exhibits and other evidence, the Executive Council finds

1. The false impression was created publicly that the Union itself was under investigation and was involved.
2. Nothing has been submitted to show that the Committee's actions were directed against the Union.
3. Hancock's press statement, and those he circulated among the Local Union's membership, misrepresented the Union, its officers and representatives. He, therefore, violated the I.B.E.W. Constitution as charged.
4. Hancock received a fair trial.

The appeal is denied.

CASE OF HOLDEN HAYDEN

The Business Manager of Local Union 1245 (Outside and Utility) of San Francisco, California charged that Holden Hayden had violated Article XXVII, Section 2, paragraph (7) of our Constitution. This provision reads:

"(7) Sending letters or statements, anonymous or otherwise, or making oral statements, to public officials or others which contain untruths about, or which misrepresent a L. U., its officers or representatives, or officers or representatives of the I.B.E.W."

Hayden was found guilty and expelled from membership by the Local Union Trial Board. His appeal comes to this Executive Council after being denied by the International Vice President and President.

Executive Council's Review

Our review shows the following:

1. The California State Senate Un-American Activities Committee subpoenaed Hayden and four other members of Local Union 1245 to appear for questioning.
2. Hayden and the four others, before appearing, met with the Local Union's Business Manager. They wanted the Local Union to provide lawyers. The Business Manager opposed this, saying it was an individual and not a Union matter—that the Union should not be involved.
3. When Hayden and the four others appeared before the Un-American Activities Committee they refused to answer questions.
4. Hayden's lawyer—in Hayden's behalf—then made statements to the public press. The four others did the same. All of this received much publicity.

International President Milne's decision states:

"... it is clear to me that the press statement issued in your behalf, and which you did not then disavow, was an attempt to make your personal problem a union matter, and thus was created the false impression publicly that the Union itself was under investigation."

In his appeal to us Hayden argues that his lawyer was not trying "to prove or insinuate that the Union was or was not under investigation. He was trying to show that the actions of the Committee . . . were primarily directed against the Union. . . ."

Hayden adds: "I left it to my lawyer to do most of the talking in order to avoid any possible misunderstanding as to my purporting to speak for the Union."

Findings of Council

After studying all the exhibits and other evidence, the Executive Council finds

1. The false impression was created publicly that the Union itself was under investigation.
2. Nothing has been submitted to show that the Committee's actions were directed against the Union.
3. Hayden says he agrees with the statement made to the press by his lawyer. He let the lawyer do "most of the talking" for him. Hayden, therefore, cannot escape responsibility for the press statement.
4. The press statement misrepresented the Union, its officers and representatives. Hayden, therefore, violated the I.B.E.W. Constitution as charged.

The appeal is denied.

CASE OF JOSEPH CHASIN

The Business Manager of Local Union 1245 (Outside and Utility) of San Francisco, California charged that Joseph Chasin had violated Article XXVII, Section 2, paragraph (7) of our Constitution. This provision reads:

"(7) Sending letters or statements, anonymous or otherwise, or making oral statements, to public officials or others which contain untruths about, or which misrepresent a L. U., its officers or representatives, or officers or representatives of the I.B.E.W."

Chasin was found guilty and expelled from membership by the Local Union Trial Board. His appeal comes to this Executive Council after being denied by the International Vice President and President.

Executive Council's Review

Our review shows the following:

1. The California State Senate Un-American Activities Committee subpoenaed Chasin and four other members of Local Union 1245 for questioning.
2. Chasin and the four others, before appearing, met with the Local Union's Business Manager. They wanted the Local Union to provide lawyers. The Business Manager opposed this, saying it was an individual and not a Union matter—that the Union should not be involved.
3. When Chasin and the four others appeared before the Un-American Activities Committee they refused to answer questions.
4. Statements were then made by Chasin and the others which received much publicity.

International President Milne's decision states:

"... it is clear to me that the statements made by you were an attempt to make your personal problem a union matter, and you thus created the false impression publicly that the Union itself was under investigation.

"Your press statements certainly misrepresented the Local Union's position, its officers and representatives and those of this International Brotherhood."

Findings of Council

After studying all the exhibits and other evidence, the Executive Council finds

1. The false impression was created publicly that the Union itself was under investigation and was involved.
2. Nothing has been submitted to show that the Committee's actions were directed against the Union.

3. Chasin's press statements misrepresented the Union, its officers and representatives. He, therefore, violated the I.B.E.W. Constitution as charged.

4. Chasin received a fair trial.

The appeal is denied.

CASE OF HENRY Y. HILL

Henry Y. Hill belongs to Local Union 592, Vineland, New Jersey. Its Business Manager and one other member charged he had violated Article XXVII, Section 2—paragraphs (8), (10) and (15)—of our Constitution.

"(8) Creating or attempting to create dissatisfaction or dissension among any of the members or among L. U.'s of the I.B.E.W.

"(10) Slandering or otherwise wronging a member of the I.B.E.W. by any wilful act or acts.

"(15) Attending or participating in any gathering or meeting whatsoever, held outside meetings of a L. U., at which the affairs of the L. U. are discussed, or at which conclusions are arrived at regarding the business and the affairs of a L. U., or regarding L. U. officers or a candidate or candidates for L. U. office."

Admitted Guilt

The record in this case shows that Hill first appeared before the Executive Board (Trial Board) and admitted his guilt and apologized. He wanted the charges withdrawn. This was not done and he was later assessed \$500.00. He was also suspended from attending Local Union Meetings for one year commencing March 11, 1954.

When Hill appealed to Vice President Liggett he denied violating any law. Representative Terry was assigned to conduct a hearing. After this Liggett upheld the Trial Board's action. President Milne sustained Liggett's decision but reduced the penalty from \$500.00 to \$300.00.

The President's decision stated:

"... The evidence clearly shows that you went out of your way to create dissension, cause all the trouble you could, and to attack individuals unfairly and maliciously... You really deserved the penalty of expulsion."

The Executive Council, after reviewing this case, fully agrees with the President's findings. So, we deny the appeal.

CASE OF J. B. POUNDSTONE

J. B. Poundstone, member of Railroad Local Union 844 of Sedalia, Missouri contends he lost his seniority rights in the Sedalia Shops of the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

He states his supervisory position as Chief Engineer was abolished. He then wanted to exercise what he claimed to be his seniority rights as senior generator attendant. The Company refused this but allowed him to displace the junior generator attendant.

Poundstone appealed to the Executive Board of Railroad System Council No. 2, then to Vice President Duffy and to President Milne. All denied his appeal. He now appeals to this Executive Council.

The Accepted Practice

We note in the Vice President's decision that a letter, signed by the company's Assistant General Manager December 6, 1930 dealt with such cases as Poundstone's. It points out that in such cases the man has no right to exercise his preference until a vacancy occurs or the job is advertised.

The record also shows it has long been the rule and the accepted practice (at least since 1930) that when a man is taken off a supervisory job, he places himself in the youngest position.

Poundstone requests that we investigate the union officers and representatives because, as he contends, they failed to properly represent him in his "claim for seniority rights." We find no reason whatever for such an investigation.

The decisions rendered are sustained and the appeal denied.

EMPLOYEE RETIRED

Mrs. Catherine Bryce Birmingham has served the Brotherhood for 37 years in the International Office. She is age 60.

We granted her request for retirement—recommended by International Secretary Keenan—effective November 1, 1954. This conforms to Article III, Section 11, paragraph (11) of our Constitution.

PENSIONS APPROVED

The Executive Council approved the following pension applications:

Card In The I.O.	Formerly Of L.U.
Ryder, Thomas G.	Card in I. O.
Vollrath, Edward W.	9
Barnes, Lloyd A.	11
Willis, F. B.	11
Cain, William Elmer	24
Wallenstein, Harry	39
Nelson, Ira B.	45
Oldman, George A.	46
Wilson, Orval A.	50
McDonald, Hugh A.	51
Wiskay, John	52
Ayres, L. V.	76
Bennett, Donald F.	77
Bisson, Elmer L.	77
Burton, J. S.	77

Card In The I.O.	Formerly Of L.U.
Frellsen, Henry Jordan	77
Fyfe, Randolph M.	77
Gantenhein, Emery F.	77
Isbill, Mark	77
Swan, Gordon W.	77
Wing, Arthur W.	77
Quonce, George S.	79
Tierney, Henry J.	90
Pendergast, William J.	104
Waple, William K.	121
Bowers, J. C.	122
Elmgren, William T.	125
Klinger, Lucius C.	132
McGeeney, Edward F.	134
Scheenberg, Virgil A.	134
Withowsky, Harry A.	134
Brunt, Leon O.	180
Hoffman, Walter W.	185
Davo, John	245
Dennis, Anthony A.	245
Dickie, Samuel	245
Harasim, George	245
King, Charles F.	245
La Porte, Patei	245
Never, Charles F.	245
Paternite, Carlos	245
Pennington, E. E.	245
Porter, Melville C.	245
Price, Horace A.	245
Trumbull, James O.	245
Howe, David Perley	259
Ring, David L.	267
Isherwood, Charles W.	284
Graston, Earl J.	368
Brock, Floyd	413
Kriser, Theodore A.	436
Stace, Walter L.	481
Hansen, Peter	494
Lemmer, John P.	494
Lirdolf, Edward, Jr.	494
Heller, Charles F.	574
Parr, George H.	574
Ensley, Charles	582
Fore, William R.	582
Fanestiel, Harry	644
Childers, Samuel E.	702
Smith, Edward R.	702
Beardsley, Henry	770
Sellen, Gustav J.	794
Roberts, Theo F.	887
Huston, Benjamin H.	1050
Manor, Carl	1392

	Membership In L.U.
Bueschen, John H.	1
Egan, Thomas	1
Kraemer, Charles L.	1
Meinert, John T.	1
McCrackin, Thomas H.	1

Membership In L.U.		Membership In L.U.	
Underwood, E. Ray	1	Kendle, Herman E.	28
Fahey, Michael J.	2	Crandall, John R.	31
Whittaker, Joe	2	Tibbets, Howard	31
Anderson, Rudolph S.	2	Bleicker, Charles, Sr.	38
Bender, Herman	3	Boyd, Bertram	38
Cargill, Charles G.	3	Brashear, Fred J.	38
Daniel, Ferdinand	3	Cavan, Joseph J.	38
DeLapp, Cyril A.	3	De Largy, Thomas	38
Dolly, William J.	3	Douttiel, D. F.	38
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Endres, Frank J.	3	Griffin, Frank W.	38
Klein, Harry J.	3	Griffith, Walter C.	38
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Moroney, Peter A.	3	Laughlin, Bert	38
Parker, Albert	3	Malcolm, John	38
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Schauer, John	3	Forler, Philip L.	39
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Thornton, Lewis W. M.	3	Roskoff, Andrew C.	43
Beheler, C. G.	5	Parker, Charles A.	48
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Dempsey, John O.	6	Laird, James O.	52
Dreyer, Walter Jacob	6	McClellan, Clarence	52
Johnson, M.	6	Norvell, Joseph O.	52
Macdonald, John R.	6	Allen, George	55
Roberts, Dan C.	6	Boughton, Sydney D.	58
Romick, C. Harry	6	Croteau, Edward J.	58
Sabbats, Richard	6	Gillman, George W.	58
Sharkey, John	6	Howard, Bert	58
West, Charles B., Sr.	6	Mills, C. L.	58
Leavitt, M. S.	7	Schuman, William	58
Buchert, Charles	8	Crawford, John R.	65
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Dare, Joseph	9	Cleveland, Scott	66
Green, Peter E.	9	Brown, Charles M.	68
Kruger, William T.	9	Nagel, Fred	76
Parsons, George E.	9	Anderson, A. W.	77
Seneco, Chester	9	Cameron, K. J.	77
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Snyder, Ralph W.	9	Gieskieng, Albert	77
Taylor, John	9	Hale, A. G.	77
Tourney, Edward	9	Lawrence, Earl A.	77
Wesson, William	9	Sandusky, C. H.	77
Berg, Louis	11	Schechert, Hans	77
Hadley, Frank	11	Welcher, Ralph W.	77
Hansen, Otto	11	Wieting, B. F.	77
Powell, Joe	11	Nolt, Edward H.	82
Young, Henry C.	11	Adair, Thomas P.	84
McNeely, Bruce	16	Siegel, Charles P.	86
Covert, Lewis	17	Livensparger, John L.	87
Uhl, Roy	17	Herman, Frank	96
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Porter, John R.	18	Neumann, Oscar L.	99
McGarvie, W. D.	23	Ellis, Herbert R.	103
Sebastian, E. S.	26	Kneeland, Edward L.	103
Wright, William Covert	27	Schlaich, John J.	104
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Steingraber, Paul	110	Somers, F.	213
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Arrington, Thomas J.	121	Stephens, L. A.	213
Benham, Frederick S.	121	Howe, George A.	215
Blood, Fred E.	121	O'Brien, James	215
Bodine, Theodore A.	121	Leach, George M.	235
Larsen, Christian H.	121	Benson, Elbert	237
Lewis, Henry L., Jr.	121	Halsey, I. S.	245
Mattern, Fred C.	121	Leimer, Ferdinand G.	269
Mulligan, Walter F.	121	Ruyle, Roy G.	271
Powell, Walter H.	121	Rudolph, Peter	282
Riley, Edward N.	121	Burns, C. Bob	283
Donaldson, Herbert L.	122	Stephenson, Frank N.	288
Rigsby, Ray	124	Trimble, Hodgen A.	291
Armstrong, George K.	125	Whyte, John	303
Copple, Thomas L.	125	Smusser, Fred W.	305
Daline, Oscar L.	125	Barnes, Harry S.	308
Marvin, Edward H., Sr.	125	Williams, A. B.	312
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Buckels, Sol	134	Love, Albert Bruce	344
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Hansen, George A.	134	Bitner, H. Z.	349
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Koch, Frank B.	134	Bain, Alexander	353
Land, Howard P.	134	Brown, Jitney	356
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Reilly, Daniel J.	134	Koll, Gustav L.	381
Reindl, Albert C.	134	Loderhose, Charles	381
Ryan, John F.	134	Millman, Thomas H.	406
Rylander, George	134	Gorski, A.	409
Sullivan, John L.	134	Viel, C.	409
Vachet, Golbert	134	Sallaz, Corley P.	411
Weekesser, Elmer G.	134	Edwards, C. F.	414
Youngren, E. W.	134	Barrett, C. W.	435
Gannaway, Caleb Sanders	136	Elliott, Edgerton Thomas	435
Swan, Oscar	150	Gray, A. H.	435
Flannery, Hubert S.	164	Hoy, Frank	435
Perrigo, William Lyman	166	De Lee, William N.	438
Saulwater, Albert J.	166	Rohrer, Charles H.	441
George, William	180	Higgins, H. R.	445
Laws, A. C.	180	Loudon, James M.	457
Keyes, Raymond L.	181	Feaster, S. P.	459
Marose, Charles	182	McDonald, Joseph C.	471
Class, Adolf	185	Chappell, W. F.	477
Gaither, John Franklin	194	Poore, Ralph R.	481
Splinter, Theodore John	196	Granberg, Edwin	483
Potter, Clarence E.	200	Albert, Anthony	494
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Lebel, Thomas H.	522
Uhler, John	528
Gardiner, Frank E.	532
Barnes, John Howard	538
Carver, Louis J.	547
Constable, Maurice Allen	559
Westwood, Nephi J.	582
O'Brien, William H.	586
Poidier, Ernest	586
Webster, C. T.	602
Welch, James P.	609
Lay, Harry W.	632
Magraw, Edward L.	633
Prince, Arthur	643
Palmer, John Adam	671
Holtaway, James H.	675
Sample, Leon H.	685
Beales, Horace Edward	689
Morrow, Harry Roodhouse	695
Mohr, Philip E.	696
Wilson, William F.	697
Durbin, Floyd B.	708
Henning, George	713
Kuch, George	713
Torkelsen, Renholt	713
Holmes, George R.	719
Robertson, Frank L.	723
Sautter, Carl B.	723
Fraser, William	802
Beasley, Samuel	816
Tonsing, Henry A.	817
Green, Nelson	840
Graybael, Carl E.	856
Grove, J. W.	865
Mathias, H. J.	865
Lynn, Hollie Earl	886
Salk, John F.	887
Toll, Burr D.	887
Smedberg, Arthur L.	970
Townley, Arthur E.	991
Bentler, Walter	997
Finsh, Clifford L.	997
Winsby, Steven H.	997
Shaw, William S.	1033
Manson, J.	1037
Baughman, Zant	1105
Jarosinski, Max	1147
Leister, Grover D.	1245
Manning, Ray	1245
Grant, Onnan P.	1393
Scanlon, John Francis	1393
Hayter, William	1406
Nelson, Otto E.	1426
Booth, Earl G.	1823
Cannon, R. M.	1875

PENSIONS DENIED

These pension applications were denied:

WILLIAM A. BUSKIRK—He belongs to Local Union 1, St. Louis, Missouri. When he joined the

Brotherhood he gave his birth date as April 14, 1891. This means he will not be age 65 until 1956.

Buskirk now claims he was born two years earlier—April 14, 1889. When he submits acceptable evidence to support his claim the Executive Council will gladly reconsider his case.

GEORGE O'SHAUGHNESSY—He belongs to Local Union 377, Lynn, Massachusetts. The International records show he will not reach age 65 until March 1, 1959. We will gladly reconsider his case when he submits acceptable evidence to support his present claim.

BIRTH DATES CORRECTED

Acceptable evidence was submitted to the Council and corrections have been made in the International records of the birth dates of the following members:

	Membership In L.U.
Herzlich, Harry	3
Nelson, Cornelius F.	3
Rubenstein, Jack	3
Marsh, William	9
Olsen, Oscar A.	31
Canonica, Charles	46
Uranich, Lary	51
Mastio, Irwin V.	130
Manthey, Byron L.	160
Warren, A. S.	238
Bauer, Adolph H.	427
Wiseman, Frank	429
Morel, Albert	561
Selph, Carl Duvall	732
MacLean, Dougald	Card in I. O.

BIRTH DATES NOT CHANGED

Requests for changes in birth dates in the International records of the following members were denied:

	Membership In L.U.
Pugh, W. T.	136
Todd, Jessie J.	508
Reynolds, Loring V.	1086
Chambers, Edward	1393
Ingalls, W. W.	Card in I. O.

The records will be changed—to show a different date from what was originally given—when acceptable evidence is submitted to the Council.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The Executive Council adjourned Wednesday, September 8, 1954.

Our next regular meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. Monday, December 6, 1954.

H. H. BROACH,
*Secretary of
Executive Council*

President J. Scott Milne addresses the delegates in attendance at the Second District Progress Meeting. Secretary Joseph Keenan at right.



New England

PROGRESS MEETING

THERE were over 200 delegates in attendance on June 25, 1954 when Brother John J. Regan, International Vice President, called the Progress meeting for the Second District to order in the beautiful Sheraton-Plaza Hotel of Boston. Delegates came from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Brother Regan presided over the meeting and gave a fine account of the progress of our Brotherhood in the Second District. He highly commended the delegates for the fine cooperation given to him and his staff during the past year by the officers and members of the individual local unions. In return it was quite evident, throughout the meeting, that the delegates wished to praise the work done by Brother Regan and his staff. In many instances individual delegates made special recognition of the men on Brother

Regan's staff, on behalf of their local unions.

Our members in attendance learned that the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers now have organization in all of the branches of the electrical industry in New England, including utilities, radio and television, construction and manufacturing. As the delegates from the various industries rose to report for their local unions it was most encouraging to hear the stories told of progress, and the many benefits received by the membership through contracts with employers.

The two-day session was highlighted by speeches from our two honored guests. Our new International President J. Scott Milne and our newly-appointed International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan were on hand to show their deep interest in the welfare and success of our Brotherhood in the New England States.

President Milne gave a detailed report on our Pension Plan. Congratulations are certainly in order for President Milne on a job well done from 1947 to 1954, during which time he was International Secretary. When Brother Milne took office in 1947, there was about \$1,800,000 in the Pension Fund. In June of 1954 he was able to report more than \$40,000,000 in our combined Pension Funds.

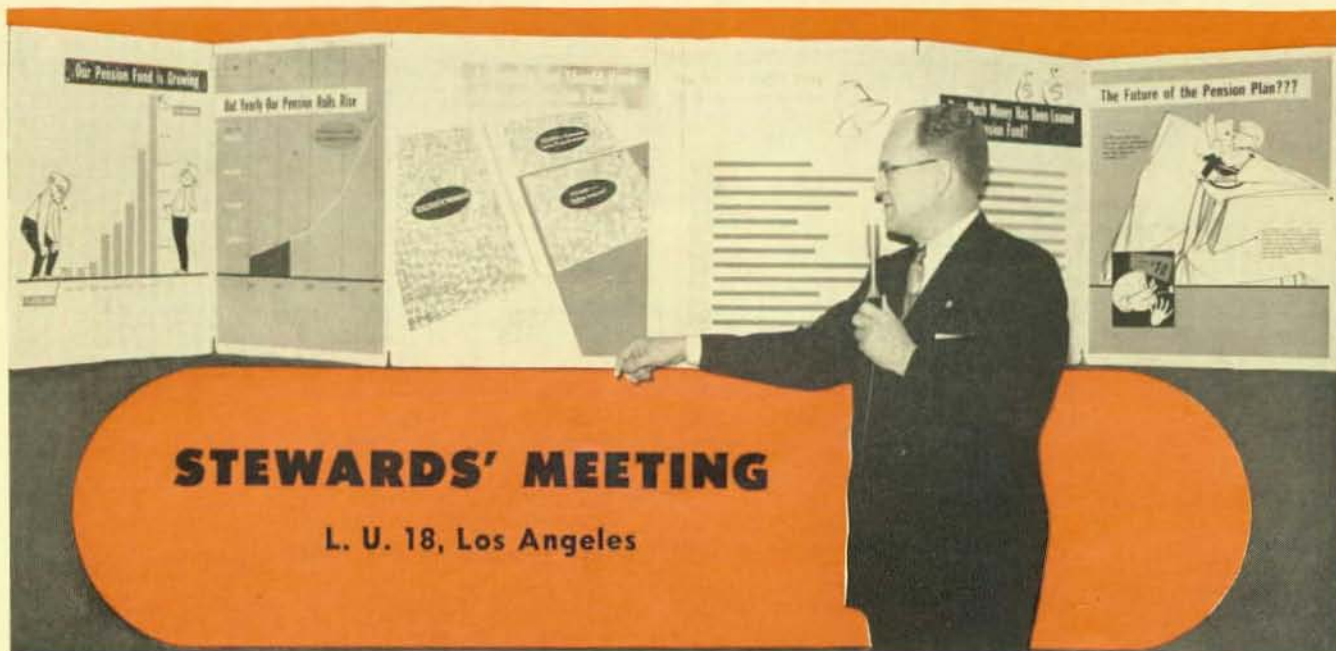
There is a great feeling of satisfaction among the members, especially those over 50 years of age, to know that they have membership in a Brotherhood with a leader who has such foresight that he has guaranteed their benefits under our Pension Plan when they reach the pension age.

Brother Milne commended Vice President Regan for the excellent showing put forth by the local unions of New England in their

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General views of the sessions held in the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel in Boston reflect the good attendance at the meet and the attention paid by the delegates. Locals were praised for their efforts during past year and Vice President Regan and staff were praised for their good work.





President Milne, officiating at the Stewards' Meeting held by Local 18, Los Angeles, explains Pension Plan.

WHILE the American Federation of Labor was holding its annual Convention in Los Angeles in mid September, Brother Ernie Taylor, business manager Local Union 18, took advantage of the fact that the International President of the Brotherhood was in town and called a steward's meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to have J. Scott Milne explain in detail all phases of our Brotherhood Pension Plan. This Brother Milne did, making use of the charts which have been used throughout the District Progress Meetings of the IBEW and a blackboard, on

which he projected salient figures concerning our members, and finances of our plan.

There were some 200 members in attendance for this session. Reaction to the Pension session was very good. Many of the stewards said they had never fully understood our plan and "how it ticks" before. They in turn, returned to their respective jobs and spread the information learned to members working with them.

L.U. 18 is to be congratulated on taking this method of attempting

to bring a better understanding of Brotherhood affairs to its membership. The stewards of our local unions are usually men and women keenly interested in their union and all of its affairs. They are generally some of the most competent members we have. It would be most advantageous from our Brotherhood's point of view, to have other locals take a leaf from L.U. 18's book and hold classes and special meetings for stewards, who in turn, return to their particular membership groups and pass on any knowledge or information gained.

E. P. Taylor, business manager of Local 18, Los Angeles, in attendance at the Stewards' Meeting, sees Pension Plan figures explained by Pres. Milne.



As our members perhaps know, the International Office has begun a school for its Representatives. (A complete story on this will appear in a future issue.) We hope that at a later date, schools may be conducted for the business managers of our locals. Your International Officers would like to see the members of our Brotherhood become the best informed members in the American Federation of Labor. We therefore make the suggestion here that every local become "labor education conscious." Learn as much about the labor movement and your own union as you possibly can. We believe it will pay dividends.

Come Little Indian

A STORY FOR CHILDREN



OF course all the little children who read this page know all about the first Thanksgiving—about how grateful the Pilgrim fathers were to God for their good harvest and how they went to church to tell Him so, and held a wonderful feast afterwards to celebrate. And they know all about that first Thanksgiving dinner and all the good things to eat, and the pictures in the history books show the Pilgrims gathered around the big tables covered with roasted turkeys and sweet potatoes and cranberries and delicious pumpkin pies, and they also show friendly In-

dians sitting with them enjoying the feast.

But the story we are going to tell you here, is one that you'll never find in the history books—it's about how the Indians came to be at the first Thanksgiving and how if it had not been for a kind little Pilgrim boy and girl, the first Thanksgiving might have turned into a massacre instead of a wonderful party. Here's the story.

It was the day before Thanksgiving, and in every household in the village preparations were underway for the wonderful Thanksgiving dinner to be held the next

day. The big kitchen of the Markham's cabin was a very busy place and did it ever smell good! Mother Markham was stuffing a huge turkey while Grandmother Markham was just putting the finishing touches to her beautiful mince and pumpkin pies. Aunt Sally was peeling apples and sweet potatoes for the special pudding she made so well. Young Peter and Polly were helping all they could. Peter was cracking hickory nuts between two flatirons for Aunt Sally's pudding, and Polly was pouring bubbling red cranberry sauce into molds to jell. All of a sudden



Polly had the queerest feeling that someone was watching her. She looked up at the window and saw an Indian face peering through. At first she was frightened and then she realized it was just a small Indian boy, little Running Pony, son of Big Chief Flying Eagle, head of all the Indian tribes in the area.

Little Running Pony looked cold and sad and Polly ran to the door, took hold of his hand and drew him into the warm kitchen.

"It's cold outside, Running Pony," she said. "Come in and get warm."

And Running Pony came in and warmed himself at the open fireplace in the kitchen.

"Are you hungry, Running Pony?" asked Mrs. Markham. Running Pony didn't say anything (he didn't know many words in English) but when Mrs. Markham handed him a hot roll spread with honey, he accepted it eagerly and crammed it into his mouth.

"Running Pony is lonesome, Mama," said Peter. "Can't he help us get ready for Thanksgiving too?"

"Of course, child," said Mama. He can help you crack the nuts and husk the ears of corn for roasting."

Soon little Running Pony was busy too, and he was smiling and having a fine time as he sat on the hearth and helped Peter with his chores.

When it began to get dark, Mrs. Markham said, "You had better go home now, Running Pony, your father, Flying Eagle will be looking for you."

The little Indian boy got up slowly, pulled his deerskin coat up around his neck and started to go. He paused at the door, turned and gave one of his rare wistful smiles. "Hope feast is good," he said.

"Oh Mother," said Polly, "can't Running Pony come to our Thanksgiving?"

"Yes, Mother," chimed in Peter, "please let him come. The Indians don't have any Thanksgiving."

"All right, children," said Mrs. Markham. "Running Pony may come to our Thanksgiving Feast."

"Did you hear that, Running

Pony?" shouted Polly. "You're invited to our Thanksgiving. Come Little Indian."

"Yes, Come Little Indian," said Mother, "and welcome."

That first Thanksgiving was a beautiful day, clear and crisp. Mother and Father Markham and Grandmother and Aunt Sally, Peter and Polly, all got up real early, dressed in their Sunday best and started for Church, joining neighbors all along the way. They were very happy and their hearts were very full of grateful thoughts

When the Pilgrims returned from church, the great feast got underway. There was every kind of good thing to eat that anyone could think of. Just as the Markhams were sitting down at their table in the big Community Hall where all had gathered with their baskets and dishes of good things, little Running Pony came shyly in and joined them. He had washed and put on his best deerskin trousers and wore a bright red feather in the beaded band around his head.



as they sang hymns and said many prayers to thank the Good God Who had blessed their efforts in this new land of freedom, where they were free to worship as they pleased, and had brought them a good harvest.

But while the Pilgrims were praying in church, they did not know that the Indians had a terrible plot underway to kill them and steal their crops and burn their cabins.

Chief Flying Eagle had called a meeting of all his warriors and they planned a cruel attack on the settlers. They would descend on the Pilgrims while they were feasting and celebrating, and massacre them. "This land is ours, and its fruits are ours," said the Indian Chief. "We will kill the white man who feasts and does not have his red brother at his feast," he said.

When Peter and Polly saw him, they jumped up and ran to meet him. They each took hold of one of his hands and led him to the table laden with good things. And Father Markham looked up from carving the big turkey and smiled and said pleasantly, "Come little Indian. Sit down and welcome."

And the smiling little Running Pony sat down between Peter and Polly and watched Mr. Markham fill a steaming plate of food for him.

Right in the middle of the dinner, Running Pony's keen ears heard a stealthy sound. He looked up quickly and saw his father standing in the doorway. Flying Eagle had come to view the feast. At a sign from him, his warriors were to descend upon the Pilgrims, kill them and burn their hall.

But the sight that greeted the
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QUIZ

ON THE WEATHER

What is it moulds the life of man?

The weather.

What makes some black and others tan?

The weather.

What makes the Zulu live in trees,

The Congo natives dress in leaves

While others go in furs and freeze?

The weather.

SINCE the weather is an all-pervading "Sea Around Us," and affects every man on earth, we have prepared a quiz this month, to sort of take stock of our weather knowledge.

Count your score: 23 to 25 correct answers, Excellent; 20-23, Very Good; 16-20; Good, and below 16, Poor.

Fill in the missing word to complete each statement below:

1. In general, stormy weather is likelier when the barometer is_____.
2. Clear weather is likelier when the barometer is_____.
3. During the period 1916-1953 at least one tornado was reported in each state in the union as well as in the District of Columbia. The state reporting the greatest number during this time was_____.
4. While tornadoes have occurred at all times of day, they are most likely to occur during the_____.
5. Cirrus, stratus, cumulus, and nimbus are types of_____.
6. In January, the coldest region over the whole globe is found in the North-eastern section of the continent of_____.
7. The world's highest temperatures in July are over the North-west part of the continent of_____.
8. If you were, literally, in the doldrums you would be in an area noted for its calms, cloudiness, and heavy rainfall located near_____.
9. Popularly known as_____is the period of very hot and uncomfortable weather during July and August.
10. In the Northern Hemisphere, June_____or_____is the longest day of the year, or summer solstice.

The studies of many men over many centuries have developed mankind's present understanding of the weather. Some of these men and their contributions are listed below. Can you circle the name or phrase that will correctly complete the statements below?

11. The thermometer was invented by:
Galileo Plato Aristotle
12. The man who invented the barometer was:
Edison Marconi Torricelli
13. This man introduced the use of the mercury thermometer:
Fahrenheit Hooke Newton
14. Anders Celsius, a Swedish astronomer, introduced:
the alcohol thermometer the Centigrade scale to the mercury thermometer a water thermometer
15. The first to discover that trade winds blew with great regularity, in a fixed direction was:
Reaumur Bacon Columbus

Match each of the weather terms or weather instruments below with its proper definition.

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| 16. mackerel | an instrument for measuring the humidity of the air |
| 17. squall | a periodic wind, especially in the Indian Ocean and Southern Asia |
| 18. altimeter | a westerly breeze with pleasant warm weather supposed to prevail at the summer solstice |
| 19. dust devil | term used to describe a sky spotted with small, white, fleecy clouds |
| 20. hygrometer | an extremely violent and destructive whirlwind, moving forward as a whirling funnel extending down from a mass of dark clouds |
| 21. zephyr | a strong wind that rises suddenly, lasts for some minutes and dies suddenly away |
| 22. monsoon | a tropical cyclone |
| 23. cyclone | system of winds circulating about a center of low barometric pressure |
| 24. tornado | a whirlwind over a dry, sandy region, which carries up dust into the air with it |
| 25. hurricane | barometer used in measuring altitude |

(See Answers on Page 79)

THE UNWELCOME GUEST

HURRICANE HAZEL ATTENDS ANNIVERSARY OBSERVATION

OCTOBER 18 ushered in a celebration significant to all Electrical Workers—observation of National Electrical Week. Throughout the nation various celebrations were planned and electrical contractors and local unions alike urged the public to take stock of their wiring, check its safety and have necessary installations and new wiring jobs done. However, there was a most unwelcome guest at the National Electrical Week party. As a matter of fact she arrived a few days before National Electrical Week and on the East Coast at least, managed to completely disrupt the celebration, for wiremen and linemen were forced to put in many long, tedious and hazardous hours to repair the havoc wrought by Hurricane Hazel. Several of our people lost their lives too, in coping with the damage wrought by this violent element of nature with her innocent feminine name.

Hazel was the eighth and vied with Carol as being the most devastating in the log of hurricanes that ravished our nation this year.

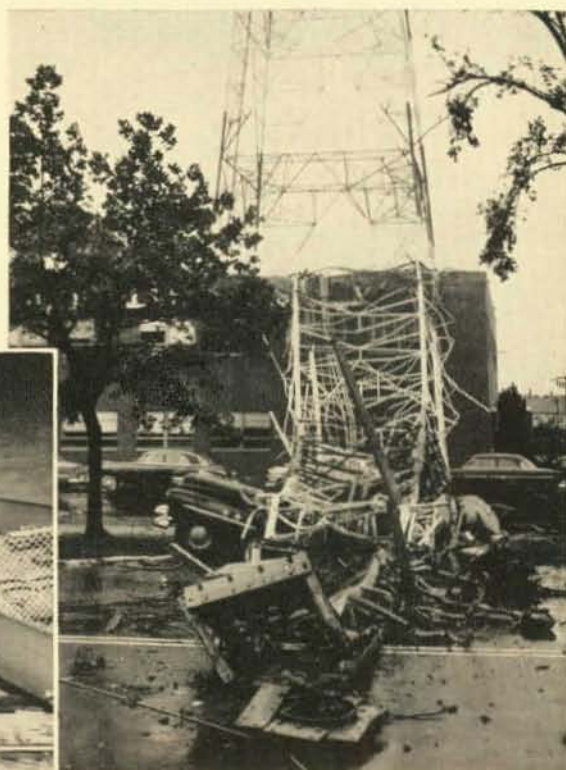
Alice, the season's first, struck Mexico near the Texas border on

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In Mid-October, the swollen Ohio River made ironic the name of Wheeling's Water Street as the crest neared 45 feet. Muddied waters flooded the street and downtown areas a block away in the West Virginia City.

The tallest structure in New England, Boston Television Station WBZ's 649-foot tower, plummeted atop a parked auto August 31.



An amateur photographer snapped this shot of Richmond's ball park light towers, which fell before "Hazel's" ferocious blasts October 15.



Our Journal Is Honored

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ambition and determination." Mr. Tracy continued saying, "I have seen him build our Brotherhood. I have seen him build our JOURNAL. I know he will serve you well. He would do this for any labor body for which he works, because his whole ambition in life is to improve the economic conditions of all working people."

Tribute to Mr. Milne was also paid by ILPA's Secretary-Treasurer Lew Herrmann, after which Mr. Milne addressed the editors and guests assembled, making an urgent plea to all labor writers and editors to "preach the gospel of the labor movement in such a way that we win help not just for members of organized labor, but for all people."

In the course of the three-day press meeting another labor editor was highly honored. The Awards Banquet on Sunday night was dedicated to Matthew Woll, former ILPA president, now president emeritus.

Space will not permit a complete account of all that transpired at the 43rd Convention of the ILPA. President Milne at the last session of the Convention was elected for the fourth time as Fraternal Delegate to the AFL Convention proper, to place the work, aims and appeals of the labor press of America before the parent body. Mr. Milne made a complete report to that body, a copy of which will be furnished any reader who may be interested in receiving it. We bring you here the concluding paragraph of that report:

"Freedom of speech is a pretty important item in this world we live in. We have seen what has happened in the countries where the lamps of truth have been extinguished and the 'Big Lie' has become the order of the day. We have seen what has happened when labor unions have been destroyed. We can't let that happen here. And I say to you that the best way to keep the members of

organized labor vigilant and militant, is to keep them informed, and how do we keep them informed? By means of a militant press. We have the men and the women with the spirit and the courage to do the job, who will tell the truth and call the plays as they see them. Let us all, every one of us here, help them to do the job—so that, please God, the lamps of truth will never be extinguished in our country, and the American labor movement will continue to go forward, winning a fuller and freer life for all."

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New England Progress Meet

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loans to the Silver Jubilee Plan. He mentioned that New England has one of the highest percentages in the country for contributing locals. (Since the progress meeting, New England has reached the 100 percent mark. Every local union in New England has made a loan to the Silver Jubilee Pension Plan.) Brother Regan take a bow please!

International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan, brought a message to the delegates on the importance of support for Labor's League for Political Education. He enlightened us with some of his experiences with the Taft-Hartley Law and the ways in which it is affecting our members from day to day. Brother Keenan told of a recent trip he made to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where he found the building tradesmen were being organized into Division Fifty of the United Mine Workers. He explained to us the ultimate result to all local unions in the country if we permit this type of organization to grow in the building trades industry.

Charlie Caffrey of the International Executive Board was then called upon for a few words and he gave an outline of the International Executive Board and its functions.

Delegate Horace Howe of Portland, Maine, gave a summary of the new license law covering

master and journeyman electricians in the state of Maine. Although Brother Howe did not feel the law a perfect one, he did feel it is a progressive step in the right direction for the protection and the safety of the public.

Brother Tom Kearney of Providence, Rhode Island, explained the license law of his home state.

On Saturday evening Local 103 of Boston, Massachusetts, held a very fine banquet to honor the new International President and Secretary.

On Sunday many reports of interest were given by the delegates representing the locals who have agreements with utility companies such as the New England Power Company and the Connecticut Light and Power Company.

A fine report was also heard from the delegates representing the Raytheon Local, which is the largest local in New England. The members from Raytheon are employed in the manufacture of television and component parts.

Ken Kelley, legislative agent for the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor, reviewed the labor bills before the legislature and explained the bills passed this year that were helpful to the working men and women of Massachusetts.

Ernest A. Johnson, Commissioner of Labor and Industries for Massachusetts and a member of the Asbestos Workers Union, who has always been a great friend of the Electrical Workers throughout Massachusetts, also gave an interesting talk.

The delegates wish to take this opportunity to thank Local 103, of Boston, for the many favors and the very fine way they entertained the many delegates to this New England Progress Meeting. A rising vote of thanks was given to the committee from Local 103. This committee consisted of Andre Jasse, Jack Queeney, and President Gilmore.

(The information and pictures for this article were sent in to the JOURNAL by Samuel J. Donnelly, business manager of L.U. 96, Worcester, Massachusetts.)

OPERATION *Golden Rule*

MONTH after month in the "Local Lines" section of our JOURNAL we find heart-warming accounts of the good deeds our Brothers and Sisters are performing in their communities everywhere. We are proud of these worthy enterprises for two reasons—one, because they show real brotherhood spirit and two, because they are such an excellent means of promoting good public relations for our local unions and for the International Office as well.

Pictures on this page show an unusually interesting community project, conceived and executed by members of our Local Union 465, San Diego, California.

So that the convalescing patients of San Diego's Crippled Children's Hospital, now being completed, may easily adjust themselves to getting on and off buses, our members of L. U. 465 comprising the mechanics and service-repairmen of the San Diego Transit System, have built a full size model of a bus and installed it in one of the hospital therapy rooms.



Above: Olaf Todal of L.U. 465 tests realistic buzzer cord in mock-up bus the local built to instruct handicapped children.

Right: Fred Bogowitz sits in bus driver's seat. Practice will help crippled children gain confidence.



It is hard for persons who have never suffered a physical handicap to realize the difficulty experienced by injured or crippled people, especially children, in performing the simple acts of everyday living, like getting on and off a bus. Often problems of coordination, plus nervousness, make these acts hard and sometimes hazardous, for those learning to walk again, perhaps with crutches or braces. Practicing helps.

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Over-all view of the practice bus, "Sunshine Special." Four members of Local 465 at door are, left to right, Art Voigt, Fred Bogowitz, Olaf Todal and Ben Schroeder, all of whom took part in unusually interesting community service project.

With the Ladies



Whistle Story

ALL our readers must know Benjamin Franklin's famous old story about "Don't Give Too Much For Your Whistle." Remember when Franklin was a little boy, on one holiday occasion, he received gifts of many copper pennies from his relatives. On his way to a toy shop to spend his money, young Ben met a boy with a tin whistle. Fascinated by it, Ben offered all his coppers in exchange for the whistle and went home merrily, delighted with his bargain. When he arrived home, however, he met jeers and criticism on all sides. "You foolish boy," his relatives said, "You have spent all your money for a penny whistle." And Franklin remarked later "They laughed at me so much for my folly that I cried with vexation; and the reflection gave me more chagrin than the whistle gave me pleasure."

Invaluable Lesson

Franklin went on to say in his story, however, that the whistle became an invaluable lesson to him because often in later life when tempted to buy something or take some important step, he would stop and weigh the facts and say to himself, "Don't give too much for the whistle." Franklin then went on to point out how many people "give too much for their whistles"—the man so ambitious that he sacrifices his friends, his liberty, even his virtue, to gain his ends—"gives too much for the whistle." The miser who sacrifices every

kind of comfortable living to amass a fortune; the man so desirous of bodily comfort that he sacrifices all improvements of the mind and indulges himself to the detriment of his health, "pay too dear for their whistles."

That's Franklin's story and the moral he taught in it. But here on the woman's page of your JOURNAL this month, I want to point out another angle to the whistle story and brings out still another moral that perhaps you and I, and other readers of this page might follow.

Everytime I heard Ben Franklin's whistle story as a child, I'm afraid I missed the moral completely. All I could think of, was how pleased the little boy had been with his whistle and how mean it was of his relatives to take all the pleasure out of his having it by their unkind remarks. I felt sorry for little Ben's disappointment and thought it would have been much better if his well-meaning kinfolk had let him continue to enjoy the small toy he was so pleased with.

And you know, I've thought so often how many of us are guilty of taking the joy out of other people's whistles. It's an unkind thing to do and I think we should start today to be more careful in this regard, and add pleasure to people's lives instead of taking joy out of them.

Here are some examples that will illustrate what I mean.

Recently, a friend of mine, a widow, who has very little money to spend on clothes, made herself a very pretty dress. She was so pleased with it and showed it with pride to a group of her friends. One of these so-called friends eyed it critically and then said, "Mary, why do you bother to make clothes when bought clothes have a so much more finished look." Poor Mary's face fell. And I know she never again felt the same pride and pleasure in her home-made frock.

On another occasion, Mrs. Jones was telling about the splendid progress her oldest son was making in school and how she thought he might even win a college scholarship, and her voice was full of pleasure and pride, when one of the original "catty" clan chimed in. This was

her remark: "It's a shame your youngest boy isn't more like his older brother, isn't it? I noticed in the paper where he'd been picked up with that bunch of teen-agers accused of vandalism."

Mrs. Jones' face flushed and all the pleasure of her older son's good fortune was ruined.

Examples Cited

There are many, many more examples and I know you can think of numerous ones from your own experience.

Helen came running home from school one day with a picture she had painted in Art Class and hastened to show it to her mother. "The teacher said it was good, Mama," said Helen eagerly. "She did?" replied her mother. "What's it supposed to be? It looks like something your little brother makes with his finger paints to me."

If Mrs. Brown could have seen the hurt and disappointment in Helen's eyes, I think she would have thought twice before she spoke so curtly. But that's the trouble with so many of us. We don't stop to think before we speak—and hurt.

Just yesterday something happened to me that will give just one more illustration of my point. I bought a pair of shoes and paid more than I should have for them because I liked

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Our Auxiliaries

We are getting excellent reports all over the country concerning the excellent work our auxiliaries are doing for the good of the local unions with which they are affiliated, and for their communities. Many are performing work of national scope, witness the part played by labor women all over our country in aiding LLPE and getting out the vote in our last election. Keep up the good work girls and write us of your activities.

Here are two recent letters from our auxiliaries.

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L. U. 340, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—

With the installation of new officers April 22nd, the Women's Auxiliary to Local 340 started its second year. The ceremony followed a dinner in the Camellia Room of the Tuesday Club-house for the members and their husbands. The table decorations were planned by Jane Galvin, the outgoing president, who was also the installing officer. She presented baby orchids and personal gifts to the outgoing officers. Rose corsages were presented to the following incoming officers: Betty Monroy, first vice-president; Marian Ward, second vice-president; Geneva Maahs, recording secretary; Charlotte Monroy, corresponding secretary; Gladys Johnson, treasurer; and Leola Bell, Ann Hansen, and Betty Rumburg, members of the Executive Board. Following the seating of these officers, an orchid-decorated gavel was presented to the new president, Marge Torgeson. Al Burlingame, president of Local 340, was present to congratulate the members of the auxiliary on the successful completion of their first year.

The new president has appointed the following chairmen: Betty Monroy, Program; Margaret Mielenz, co-chairman; Marie DeRobertis, Refreshments; Marian Ward, Membership; Nellie Melvin, By-laws; Catherine Messer, Budget; Juanita Petralli, Audit; Margaret Mielenz, Welfare; Esther Parvin, Sunshine; and Thelma Jackson and Frances Taylor, Publicity.

The program for the year has been planned with only one large fund-raising event in the offing. This will be a carnival, to be held at the Labor Center in October. It will be a benefit for the proposed Sheltered Workshop of the Sacramento County Society for Crippled Children. Other social events will be a potluck supper, two card parties, and a dinner dance.

FRANCES TAYLOR,
Publicity Chairman.

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Baking Spree



Ever so often most women get an urge to go on a baking spree. And it is worth all the fuss and bother we go to, just to see the faces light up at dinner time when hot bread or fresh homemade cake or pie is the order of the day. Well ladies, when next you get the urge—here are some good recipes for you to try.

BANANA BREAD

1 cup sugar	1 teaspoon soda
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening	1 teaspoon baking powder
2 eggs	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup cold water	3 bananas mashed
2 cups flour	

Cream sugar and shortening. Add eggs and mashed bananas. Mix well, then add cold water, and last the flour sifted with soda, baking powder and salt. Bake in loaf pan for 1 hour at 350°.

RUM BUNS

To one package of hot roll mix, add 2 teaspoons rum extract. Mix and let rise as directed on package. After the dough has risen once, divide into 2 equal portions. Roll each portion into 2 strips 12" long, $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick and 4" wide. Brush with butter (melted). Sprinkle with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup raisins and 2 tablespoons cinnamon. Roll from long side and pinch together to close the roll. Cut in crosswise slices $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick. Place side by side in square cake pans and allow to rise until double in bulk. Bake 15 or 20 minutes at 375°. As soon as the buns are removed from the oven, brush the tops with icing made of 1 cup XXXX sugar, 2 tablespoons hot water and 1 teaspoon rum extract.

MARSHMALLOW CRUNCH CAKE

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening	2 teaspoons baking powder
$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
2 eggs	1 cup milk
$2\frac{1}{4}$ cups flour	1 teaspoon vanilla

When batter is in pan, arrange 12 marshmallows cut crosswise over batter, sprinkle $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup nuts over top and bake in pan 8" x 12" for 40 to 50 minutes at 350°.

PECAN PIE

1 cup pecan halves	1 tablespoon lemon juice
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar	3 eggs (lightly beaten)
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup dark syrup	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder
1 tablespoon butter	Pinch of salt

Mix and pour into unbaked shell and bake 40 minutes at 375°. When done the pecans will be on top.

APPLE DUMPLINGS

2 cups flour	1 tablespoon sugar
Pinch of salt	3 tablespoons baking powder

Blend together and mix with $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk to make a soft dough. Roll $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick, spread with sliced apples (or peaches may be used) and roll up like jelly roll and cut into slices. Place in deep pan and pour the following sauce over it:

1 cup brown sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup white sugar
1 tablespoon flour	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup of butter	1 teaspoon cinnamon

Bake $\frac{3}{4}$ hour and serve hot with or without milk. Serves 7 or 8.

CANADA'S

Stratford on Avon



James Mason, well known English stage and screen star, plays the role of Angelo and Frances Hyland, Canadian actress from London, plays Isabella in the Stratford Shakespearean Festival production of "Measure for Measure."

STRATFORD-ON-AVON is a name that has ever had a fascination—not just for students of literature and drama but for travelers and would-be travelers, and even the general public that stays at home and dreams about the faraway places. Stratford-on-Avon, England, has become one of the best known cities in the world, renowned both for its loveliness and for the fact that it was William Shakespeare's birthplace.

Now there is another Stratford-on-Avon, not so well-known it is true, but likewise beautiful and as filled with the spirit of the renowned bard as the original city for which it was named. We refer to Canada's own Stratford, Ontario. The early settlers of the rude, pioneer settlement that

grew out of a wilderness, most certainly must have had courage and wisdom and foresight and a

A street scene from the Ontario Festival featured Lloyd Bochner as the Duke, Peter Mews as Elbow and Douglas Campbell as Pompey.



little audacity too, to have given to their village the same name as England's historic beauty spot.

Dedicated to Shakespeare

But laid out as a townsite in 1827, Stratford it became, and the swift-flowing little river which was to provide power for the flour mills which were the town's first industry, was proudly named Avon, and the whole village became dedicated to the great Shakespeare and his work. When the city was divided into wards, each ward was named for a well-known character in one of Shakespeare's plays or associated with them, and so they became, and remain today: Falstaff, Hamlet, Romeo, Shakespeare and Avon.

The schools of the city have also assumed Shakespearean names: Shakespeare School, Ann Hathaway School, Romeo, Fal-



staff, Avon, Juliet and Hamlet Schools.

Imitating the city from which it derived its name and tradition, Ontario's Stratford has through many years of careful and far-sighted planning developed its park and garden system until it has become one of the Province's foremost sightseeing areas.

Formal Layout

A particular feature of the park system is the Shakespearean Gardens over which the bust of Shakespeare presides with solemn dignity. Laid out in formal, English style, it presents colorful floral displays which change with every season.

But Canada's Stratford has not been content to merely keep William Shakespeare alive in name only. The Shakespearean Festivals held there yearly are perhaps the most concerted effort made in recent years to keep Shakespeare and his famous works before the public, and that public has come from all parts of Canada and the United States and foreign countries as well, to see the productions staged at the Stratford Theater Festival.

Following the out-of-doors theme in which the theater was first conceived, the Shakespearean plays are produced in the Festival theater-tent set up in Queen's Park, in the most beautifully landscaped area of the whole city.



The fabulous banquet scene of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" is shown here as it was presented by the Stratford players at the Ontario Festival in the second annual season last year. Two thousand attended.

Especially manufactured for the Festival, the tent consists of three and a half tons of canvas, forming smoke blue walls and a terracotta roof of the theater. It is 150 feet in diameter and 61 feet in height from peak to stage level, housing an audience of approximately 2,000.

Best Talent Available

The festivals are put on with the best professional theater talent available. Last year the eight-weeks season began June 28th and the repertoire included

"Measure for Measure," and "The Taming of the Shrew."

James Mason, famous British actor, had the lead in the first of the productions named. Well known to North American audiences as a famous film star, Mr. Mason was a renowned English stage actor long before he ever made his debut in films.

Well known actresses supporting Mr. Mason were Frances Hyland and Eleanor Stuart, plus a Canadian cast of 60.

Summer Course

During last year's Shakespearean Festival, Stratford inaugurated still another cultural pursuit, a summer course in Theater Study. This course which was conducted from July 26 to August 11, was personally supervised by Cecil Clarke, Director of the Stratford Festival and formerly organizer and director of the Old Vic Theater School in London.

The few facts brought to you here in this brief article, present, we think, some fascinating points about a beautiful and charming city, which we believe few of our readers knew before.

The material and pictures for this article were sent to us by our Council Member Keith Cockburn of Stratford, Ontario, who is very proud of his home town.



This is the Avon River as it flows through Queen's Park. The park is the site of the city's pride, the Festival Theater Tent.

Hurricane Hazel

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June 25, and was the indirect cause of the disastrous Rio Grande floods. Barbara was a less treacherous visitor who blew out harmlessly into the Caribbean in the last days of July. Carol, which swept over Long Island and New England on August 31, was the most destructive of the maidens as far as the United States was concerned — causing 68 deaths and property damage of \$500,000,000. Dolly traveled up the Atlantic Ocean past New England, September 1 and 2, but stayed out at sea.

Edna was much more violent than Dolly, sweeping in September 6 to 12 and taking a toll of 11 lives in New England. Florence blew in across the Gulf of Mexico on September 12, causing minor damage in Mexico and Texas and Gilda followed in her wake September 26 and 27 with slight damage.

To get back to Havoc-making Hazel, she blew into Haiti on October 13, razed whole towns, took a toll of hundreds in dead and injured, and created untold damage in her path across Haiti's southwest peninsula. After thrashing through Haiti, Hazel began her trek toward the American mainland. She roared up through the Bahama Islands chain, caused little trouble for Florida, where so many hurricanes have taken their toll, but began to smash inland at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina with winds as high as 130 miles an hour, striking heavy damage, then continued up the coast.

Norfolk, Virginia, was hard hit by the storm, whose blast took off rooftops, levelled trees, smashed hundreds of store windows, felled power lines, shredded awnings and filled the streets with debris.

At 6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 15, Hazel paid her visit to the Nation's Capital, riding a 98-mile gale, the highest wind ever on record in Washington. The quiet Potomac overflowed her banks at the height of the hurricane. Hundreds of trees were uprooted and many homes in the District and

nearby Maryland and Virginia were without electricity for several hours.

Hazel traveled on up the coast, caused considerable damage in Baltimore and Philadelphia, bypassed New York City doing only minor damage and blew herself out without inflicting much damage in New England. However there were torrential rains and some power shortages.

At any rate, as National Electrical Week dawned, it was in the shadow of Hazel's havoc which had killed five persons in the United States, made thousands homeless in the Carolinas, Virginia and Maryland, and inflicted thousands of dollars in property damage as houses were washed away, buildings destroyed and communications lines were blown down. It is no wonder then that we say Hazel was National Electrical Week's uninvited and unwelcome guest.

Little Indian

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Indian Chief's hostile eyes, did something strange, deep inside of him. If Chief Flying Eagle had a weakness, it was his little son, Running Pony. When he saw the little boy sitting there, welcomed by his friends, so contented and so happy, he had a change of heart. In the Indian code, one does not injure those who befriend.

And while his warriors waited for his signal which would be their sign to kill, little Running Pony came to the doorway to meet his father.

"Great Chief who is my Father," he said, "these are my friends. Come and see."

By that time Mr. Markham was also on his feet and hastening to join Flying Eagle and Running Pony.

"Welcome Chief," he said. "Come and break bread with us. You are welcome at our table."

Well little boys and girls, you know the rest. Chief Flying Eagle and his warriors joined the feast. They smoked the pipe of peace and their particular tribe became

fast friends with the American settlers.

And Polly and Peter and their little Indian guest had a wonderful time at that first Thanksgiving party. They ate until their small stomachs could hold no more and they laughed and played games and sang. And Polly and Peter never knew it was their kind deed of asking the little Indian to the feast that had saved all their lives. They just knew they liked Running Pony and wanted to be friends with him, which they were for years and years. The End.

Golden Rule

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Not only does the model bus created by our Brothers in L. U. 465 look real on the exterior, but the interior is complete in detail, particularly as to the size and height of steps and their distance from the ground, the specific location of stanchions and hand rails, seats, farebox, and even a buzzer cord that works—all of which serve their purpose well in training the youngsters to handle themselves in boarding a bus and alighting from it.

There is one other angle to this little story that we should like to bring into our brief account. That is the evidence of mutual respect and good relationship which exists between labor and management as represented by L. U. 465 and the San Diego Transit System.

Our Business Manager Vernon W. Hughes writes:

"Since we enjoy such excellent relations with the management on the property of the San Diego Transit System, we of L. U. 465 would very much appreciate having a story and pictures on this project published in the JOURNAL."

By the same token, we have this comment from Mr. Lauran G. Clapp, of the San Diego Transit System:

"We of the company are very proud of this project. It reflects the high caliber of men who are members of our Maintenance Department and of your Brotherhood."

AFL Convention

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teet it," he told the Convention, amidst the loud applause of the delegates.

The Convention urged the development of atomic energy for peacetime use.

It denounced the amendments to the Taft-Hartley law as they were presented to Congress by the Administration.

It pledged its delegates to fight for improvements in the Federal Wage and Hour laws and planned a campaign to raise the Federal minimum wage to \$1.25, and set its sights toward a 35-hour work week by 1956.

The Convention blasted the so-called "Right-to-Work" laws and avowed an all-out fight against them.

With regard to international policy, the AFL called for an adequate defense program, urged economic and technical assistance that would help the nations of the world to help themselves, proposed a permanent United Nations Commission to assist the people of underdeveloped countries to achieve self-government, and reaffirmed its opposition to admission of Communist China into the United Nations.

The members of our Brotherhood who were delegates to this AFL Convention played an important part in its operations. A number of our IBEW members are also heads of State Federations of Labor and city central bodies. They, together with our officers



A. P. Randolph of Sleeping Car Porters hit those who retard integration.

Below: Luigi Antonini of Garment Workers is a colorful delegate at meet.



Below: President Milne took the floor to nominate President-Emeritus Tracy A. F. of L. vice president.



and appointed delegates, were active on many important Convention committees. A special highlight of the Convention, to the Electrical Workers, was the reelection of D. W. Tracy as 10th Vice President of the American Federation of Labor. Nominated by our President J. Scott Milne, the President Emeritus was reelected unanimously.

Space has not permitted us to write of the splendid program of entertainment which Los Angeles, capital of the movie world, presented for the enjoyment of the Convention delegates. However, our readers will see on these pages one important phase of the tremendous welcome given to AFL delegates. A nation-wide full-hour television show starring some of the greatest names in Hollywood was broadcast the opening night of the Convention. The show took the form of a salute by the armed forces to the entertainers who helped lift the morale of American troops abroad. AFL President Meany and Chief of the Army Matthew Ridgeway appeared in the show together with Bob Hope, Jack Benny, William Holden, Tyrone Power, Dinah Shore, Frank Sinatra, Danny Kaye and many others.

The 73rd Convention of the American Federation was a memorable one in many respects. It has, we believe, left not only a memorable impression, but set a dynamic course for its member unions to follow, and which course we likewise believe, will be followed.



Philippine trade unionists, official guests of the Convention, photographed at registration desk.

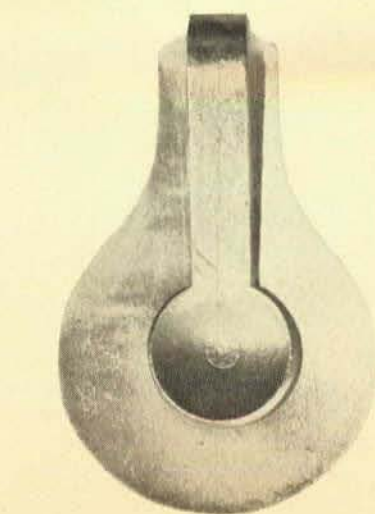


A portion of the motion picture and television coverage of the 1954 A. F. of L. Convention.

IBEW Money Clips Available



The "IBEW Money Clip," designed as a badge for our Convention and fashioned to be a lasting memento of the Diamond Jubilee of Light, won so much favorable comment from delegates to our Convention, that we have made it available as a practical IBEW souvenir, for all our members. The



money clip, which is gold filled, shaped like the first incandescent lamp, and bears our emblem in blue enamel, is available for contributions of one dollar, and all proceeds go directly into our Pension Fund. Order this practical item today for yourself and as gifts for your friends.

Our Auxiliaries

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L. U. 569, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—
The auxiliary entertained their hus-

bands and children at a potluck picnic held in Collier Park in August. Games and a watermelon-eating contest were enjoyed after supper. A marshmallow roast over a big bonfire added to the fun.



New officers for Women's Auxiliary to Local 340, IBEW, l to r: Leola Bell, executive board; Gladys Johnson, treasurer; Marian Ward, second vice-president; Betty Monroy, first vice-president; Marge Torgeson, president; Geneva Maahs, recording secretary; Charlotte Monroy, corresponding secretary; Betty Rumburg, executive board; Ann Hansen, executive board.



Members of the auxiliary and their husbands who attended the dinner meeting and installation ceremonies.

The regular business meeting was called to order by the president at 10 a.m. on August 26 at the home of Viola Garnett. The auxiliary supported the Second Annual Labor Day Ball by the purchase of tickets and by attending the Ball. The members are bringing canned goods to the meetings to be used to stock up our Friendship Shelf which is used to fill baskets for families at the time of an emergency. The auxiliary has a contest going for a prize-winning letter on the topic "Ten Reasons Why I Belong to the Auxiliary." A pot-luck luncheon was served at noon with a social hour following. *Editor's Note: Please be sure to send in a copy of the prize-winning letter for publication in the Journal. A picture of the winners would also be welcome.*

At the meeting on September 9 members hemmed three dozen diapers and sewed on other baby garments in addition to the maternity skirts and blouses which will be presented to the Door of Hope.

The next regular business meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday September 30, at the home of Loraine Parkman. A pot-luck luncheon will be served at noon. Entertainment in the afternoon.

JEANETTE MCCANN,
Publicity Chairman.

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them so much. I wore them for the first time yesterday and thought they were very pretty. One of my friends noticed them and asked me what I paid for them. When I told her, she laughed and said, "Did you ever get stung! They've got exactly the same thing in Merlin's Basement for \$4.95."

Going home that night, my shoes were still the same ones I'd been so pleased with when I put them on in the morning, but somehow after Muriel's remark, I didn't think they were half so pretty or nice.

Well girls, space is running out and we've no more time for examples. But let's think about these things a little and make a firm resolution here and now, that never again will we take pleasure out of somebody else's "whistle."

NOTICE

Last month in the Convention issue of our *Journal*, we promised that words and music for our official IBEW Theme Song would be published in this issue. Because we were so pressed for space, our song which requires six pages for complete printing, had to be omitted. We will publish it just as soon as space will permit, probably next month.

Local 1 Heaps Praise On 1954 IBEW Convention

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO. — This month's article should be considered as a report to the readers of the JOURNAL in the jurisdiction of Local 1 on the highlights of the greatest convention in the history of the I.B.E.W. It is not my intention to attempt to describe all the happenings that took place at this convention, but to hit a few of the highlights. To fully describe in detail all that happened would require hours of reading and the October issue of the JOURNAL was loaded with columns of news on the Convention.

This article was used by the *Labor Tribune* in part, to supplement the article written by its editor on the happenings of the convention, and it is my thought (and also the request of many of the readers) that we give it to the JOURNAL readers as it is.

The Silver Jubilee 25th Convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers opened on Monday, August 30th, in the huge International Amphitheatre in Chicago.

The floor and first boxes were packed to capacity with some 3200 official delegates with 5000 or more visitors and spectators crowding the first balcony.

The convention got under way at 10 a.m. with Cardinal Stritch, Catholic Archbishop of Chicago, offering the opening prayer, after which he spoke on the benefits of democracy. Cardinal Stritch said, "There were times when men unfortunately said that labor was merely something that could be bought or sold in the market place. We know that such a saying was an absolute violation of Christian truth." He condemned communism and said, "Here in our democracy we want to unite ourselves in our economic behavior, we want solidarity based on justice to all."

Governor Stratton, of Illinois spoke at length on labor and its benefits. Stratton said, "In Illinois we have a government where labor and management work out their problems

Local Lines

NEWS FROM THE LOCALS



International President J. Scott Milne introducing two oldest members in years of membership at Chicago convention. Both men hold 62-year cards. Charles Paulsen, left, Local 134, Chicago, and Percy Wissinger, right, Local 1.



Photo taken last summer at ceremonies honoring Percy Wissinger, presented 62-year scroll, and Clarence Rothganger, presented 50-year pin and scroll.



This is the group that represented Local 1 at the Chicago IBEW Convention, largest in U.S. labor history.

without State legislation and they go about it without trying to destroy the other party."

He spoke praise of many persons connected with labor, but the highlight of his talk was when he told the delegates, "There is no anti-labor legislation on the statute books of Illinois today and there never will be as long as I am Governor of the state." This brought the delegates to a standing ovation with cheers lasting for five minutes.

Stanley Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the Illinois State Federation of Labor; Matt Dwyer, vice president of the Chicago Federation of Labor; and States Attorney Gutknecht, all spoke to the delegates and praised the I.B.E.W. on the progress it has made.

J. Scott Milne, International President of the I.B.E.W., responded to a standing cheering delegation. Milne spoke at length on many subjects pertaining to the I.B.E.W. He described the convention as the largest gathering of union men in one convention in the world. He said, "This sixty-three year old union has over 625,000 members and it and the electrical industry are both in their infancy."

He spoke of Atomic power being as powerful for good as for evil. He told of the programs now in the making for five power houses to be run by atomic energy. Milne spoke of the many advantages in the electrical industry, of the fifty million customers, he praised the employers in the electrical industry. He said, "We are at peace and have good relationships with our employers; our wages and conditions are the best in history." Milne also said that the union now has over 35 million dollars in its Pension Fund and hopes for more.

International Treasurer, William A. Hogan, reported over nine million dollars in the general and other funds.

After the speakers, the convention got under way with the reading of proposed resolutions. There were many of these resolutions, some passed, some did not, this was as expected and took several days to be disposed of. Ex-Governor Adlai Stevenson spoke to the delegates and also received a great ovation.

The highlight of Tuesday's session was the introduction of Charles Paulsen, chairman of the International Executive Council and our own Percy Wissinger of St. Louis who still works at the trade as a journeyman electrician, both of whom have 62 years of membership in the I.B.E.W. Wissinger was the first International Treasurer of the I.B.E.W.

The convention continued on with routine business, and all old officers were reelected for four years. Thus ended the greatest convention in the

history of the greatest union and as J. Scott Milne said "we are still in our infancy."

In closing the convention let it be said it was the greatest convention ever held in the history of the Brotherhood and a great credit to the thousands of delegates from Canada to the Hawaiian Islands. It was a hard-working convention with enough happening to keep all of the delegates in attendance.

FRANK KAUFFMAN, P. S.

Meany's Convention Speech Praised Highly

L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—It sure is tough getting back into harness after returning from a vacation. Not having kept up with the usual daily stint of keeping posted on the news of the day, during that period, makes it somewhat difficult now to get out a readable letter. The instinct is to write about the vacation which, though it might be interesting now when the letter is being written, would hardly be appropriate in November.

This is being written for the month of Election Day and Thanksgiving Day. One of the main things to be thankful for is that we do have Election Days. Those days on which we can, if we are really interested, show our elective officials whether we approve or disapprove their conduct. Can you picture anything like that under Communist rule? If we always turn out to vote on Election Day we will have little to fear from the Commies.

Having read in a newspaper that the President has just revised the official estimate of the budget for the fiscal year ending July 1st, 1955, to the extent that the deficit will be \$4.7 billion instead of the \$3 billion originally estimated, I had thought to go into some detail on the subject. I have changed my mind in spite of the fact that this increase will mean more borrowing, more interest and of course in the long run more taxes. Election Day will be past when this is read so that if we haven't sent the right men to Congress we are going to have to live with their actions for another two years whether we like it or not.

We hope you had the opportunity to hear or read the speech made by President Meany of the A.F.L. at our I.B.E.W. convention in Chicago before you cast your vote on Election Day. If you did we are sure you voted for the right people.

Speaking of election we are happy about the election of our International Officers and especially so about the election of our own "Bill" Hogan as International Treasurer. "Love that Man!" We extend our congrat-

ulations and best wishes to all our I.B.E.W. officers.

We close with the hope that all of you will have much to be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day and that God's blessing go with you.

FREDERICK V. EICH, P. S.

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SOS Appeal to Complete Project

L. U. 8, TOLEDO, OHIO—Like a bright September sun sinking into the western horizon in a blaze of glory, so likewise is the biggest, best and longest job that this local ever had in its long and colorful history. We refer to the Libbey-Owens-Ford job at Rossford, Ohio, which has been going on for over three and a half years. During that period, new buildings and additions have been built and new machinery for a radically new improvement in the manufacture of plate glass has been installed. By the time this article reaches our readers, it will be in full production.

Machinery built by the H. M. S. Company, at Avelais, Belgium, was transported by boat and unloaded here in the port of Toledo, then trucked the 10 miles to Rossford. During the last several weeks in order to meet an operating deadline, we had to send out an S.O.S. for help. As a result, three shifts worked and men from some forty odd locals were represented on the job. These locals were: Numbers 1076, 1302, 867, 85, 32, 245, 477, 342, 755, 305, 9, 431, 910, 209, 240, 873, 505, 995, 136, 480, 117, 384, 48, 347, 584, 920, 495, 755, 1579, 112, 1316, 841, 379, 85, 508, 779, 1253, 129, 681, 1, 972, 108, 483, 908, 968, 647, 466, 8, 1317, 579, 548, 810, 141 and 1890. Apparently these locals had some of their best mechanics working away from home, for all these men were welded into a smooth-working organization in no time and the results were highly gratifying to the powers that be. It is a tribute to the I.B.E.W. when in such a short time

Old Timer



James E. Brown, retired member of Local 5, Pittsburgh, enjoys rest.

a bunch of strange wiremen, can be working in harmony, miles away from their home base.

Ohio Pipe Trades, Inc., installed all of the wiring for light, power, sound and controls, under the supervision of its chief electrical engineer, Mr. George Telez, and general electrical superintendent Dave Neely. Jack Ulrey, the general foreman, had the following group of foremen to assist him in seeing that the work was properly done, and they really got the show rolling: Del Husted, Lysle Washburn, William B. Murphy, Don DeBolt, Len Dix, Paul Ames, Herbert Noethen, Joe Robideau, Herb Degring, Steve Balozs, Jimmie Fowler, Ben Henriksen and Ernie Liske.

Whitey Peterson, as steward, took care of all of the complaints that arose as the job progressed very satisfactorily. Local 8 is grateful to all of the out-of-towners who helped bring this job to a successful conclusion. We tried to treat them fairly and hope that if we are ever working in their territory, they will try to do likewise. Due to the fact that these men were working around the clock we were unable to get a picture of the crew working on the project.

At the moment there are no other big jobs going on here. Steel is being erected at both the Sun Oil and Toledo Edison power house jobs and it will be some time before any great amount of men are needed at either place. Meanwhile we have hopes that enough smaller projects will take up the slack and keep our members drawing a paycheck. We had hopes that a 17-million-dollar plant that Sohio was going to build would be erected in this city but it went to Lima, Ohio. Our loss is their gain and we wish them luck.

BILL CONWAY, R. S.

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"Old Time Lineman's Picnic" Big Success

L. U. 9, CHICAGO, ILL.—On July 24th, Local 9 played host to more than three thousand members, families and friends at our "Old Time Lineman's picnic." It was a beautiful day and the activities started early.

There were all sorts of games for the kids and some for the oldsters. The enthusiastic participation was enjoyed by all present. Prizes as well as generous applause were given the winners. All during the day the boys were practicing and qualifying for the hand-line throwing contest.

The tables at the grove were loaded with eats and by the looks of the food in evidence the picnickers must have intended to stay a week. Despite the well-stocked tables, we polished off 750 lbs. of hot dogs, 500

dozen buns, gallons of coffee, milk, ice cream, pop, candy, etc. For those of us who are not soft drink enthusiasts, 40 one-half barrels of beer were provided and *CONSUMED*.

In the late afternoon the hand-line throwing contest began. It consisted of a 35 foot and 40 foot choice. There were quite a few for each distance. The winners were determined by the amount of line on the ground:

First in the 40 foot class—Nick Burkard, Jr.; second—Jack O'Brien.

First in the 35 foot class—Billy May; second—James Ganas.

The crowd gave the contestants well deserved applause for the more than one hour of exciting entertainment. An unexpected added attraction, and a very popular one I assure you, in the line throwing was our own Brother Gerry Baldus, from the International staff. He got a lot of line in the air but declared he was not a contestant.

Following the line-throwing came the pole-climbing and 20 or more were entered. I have been told that I erred last year in the explanation of the contest. If I did I am sorry. I made sure of the distance this time which was—two poles 40 feet apart with a white band painted 25 feet from the ground. The contestant had to climb the first pole, making sure his spur hit above the white band, then descend, run to the next pole

and repeat. He was timed from the time he stuck his spur in the first pole to the time he hit the ground of the second pole.

The winner and **WINNER FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR** was Nick Burkard, Jr., Local 9, his time 24½ seconds. Second place was taken by Ronald Desruisseau, Local Union 111 of Denver, Colorado, his time 32½ seconds. Third place was Walter Wagnon, Local Union 835, of Jackson, Tennessee, his time 33 seconds.

Then came the single pole contest for the kids over FIFTY. Winner was Lee Carver, in 22½ seconds. Second place was George M. Ferrell, Sr., in 28 seconds.

After the contests were over, Brothers Robert Suggs, John Gibson and Nick Burkard, Jr., performed their pole top resuscitation demonstration. The crowd was well pleased and applauded them generously.

We had many Brothers from other local unions with us for the day and hope they enjoyed their visit with us, as we enjoyed having them.

We wish to express our thanks to the MIDDLE STATES ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, for the many lovely gifts and donations that made it possible to distribute 60 door prizes to the holders of the lucky ducats.

The members of Local 9, wish to congratulate and thank Chairman

Three-Time Pole Climb Winner



Three-time winner of the pole climbing contest; Nick Burkard, Jr., receives watch from Frank Benner as winner's father, Nick Burkard, Sr., looks on.

Brother R. E. Fitzgerald and his efficient committee for the sacrifices they made for a most wonderful picnic and another day we will long remember.

At our August meeting, Business Manager Frank Benner presented Brother Nick Burkard, Jr., with a beautiful watch, suitably engraved for being the winner three consecutive years at our annual picnic.

In closing I might mention another happy occasion. Local Union 9 had a hospitality room at the Palmer House, headquarters for the visiting delegates to the International Convention. We did our best to provide those who visited our room, which included delegates from Canada and Hawaii, as well as those from the States, with liquid libation suitable to their taste. Many old acquaintances were renewed in this room and the facial expressions of the various groups as they reminisced, told the best story of the pleasant memory shared when they learned the stranger seated next to them was an old buddy and fellow worker. We hope our visitors enjoyed being with us as much as we enjoyed having them and we will know a good time was had by all.

NICK BURKARD, P. S.

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Local 11 Reports On Area Unemployment

L. U. 11, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Ordinarily I do not mix in this "writing dodge" but I cannot sit by and see two of my innocent colleagues abused by that fellow from Santa Ana.

Santa Ana, as you know, is a small community south of Los Angeles made up of mud huts with thatched roofs mostly, and the local union has a guy named Ferguson as business manager.

It seems the aforementioned fellow, Klaus, (pronounced Klouse) calls himself a "press secretary" and draws cartoons and recently referred to Business Manager Ferguson as "Fatso" and has been taking so much abuse from the terror of the mud huts since that he looked around to find someone else to insult to take the heat from himself. He finally decided on two young innocent fellows with very good dispositions who would probably never do anything in retaliation.

The two young innocent men happen to be the business manager and recording secretary of Local Union 11 and since I know that neither of them would ever do anything to defend themselves, it falls upon me as president to defend them.

This fellow Klaus—(I think I got

one too many letters there (K)laus)—is very jealous of the Los Angeles members anyway, because he often sits in front of his mud hut and watches them happily returning from Del Mar or Tia Juana with their pockets bulging with money, honestly earned from backing their judgment on the speed of various horses at those two great breeding farms.

Incidentally, the new home in Santa Ana that was boasted of in the July issue of the JOURNAL was built with money taken from some of our poor members who went into Orange County to work and innocently forgot to notify their business manager.

I know it must have been an oversight on the part of our members because I am sure there is no one in our local who would do it deliberately.

Now to be serious for a moment, work in the Los Angeles area has been much slower picking up this year than normal. We have a couple hundred men on the bench but housing has kept up and is the only thing that has prevented a serious unemployment problem in this area. Several of our neighboring locals, San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego and Ventura have been hard hit and if it had not been for the help of the Santa Ana local these locals would have been in pretty serious condition.

We also want to thank Brother Ferguson for the help he has given members of Local Union 11, although we have not been hurt as badly as others in this area.

We are in the middle of a big political hassle in California this year and we expect to pick up several seats in the House of Representatives and one seat in the Senate. The prospects are also very good for many more Democrats in the State Assembly, Senate and the Statewide offices, particularly those of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

The present administrations in both Washington and Sacramento are definitely anti-labor and we feel it is our duty to remove them from office. We can do this not only as union people but as good citizens and everyone should exercise their right of franchise by voting on November 2nd and voting for candidates who will enact legislation for the benefit of all the people.

WEBB GREEN, President.

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Convention Delegates Give Favorable Reports

L. U. 28, BALTIMORE, MD.—Brother Russell Tracey whom we so jokingly wrote about last month has met with misfortune. He had a paralytic stroke and is confined to the hospital,

not being allowed to have any visitors. Brother Tracey, Local 28, wishes you a quick recovery and hopes to see you back on the job again real soon.

Our delegates to the Convention have all returned and made their reports to the local. The reports were most favorable to all I.B.E.W. members. With the support of the entire membership the International Office can do a great deal to help us further our gains in the future.

The most important topic of our last meeting was the "Right-to-Work Bill" which is due to come up before the state legislature this session. I noted in the August-September issue of the ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL, that other locals in other states have had to face the same issue. We here in Maryland have a good opportunity to fight such a bill. We are trying to get all of our members to register so they will be able to vote for our friends of labor in the coming November elections. If we can win the election we stand a much better chance to defeat such a damaging bill. I hope that all of our members read this JOURNAL and can see what a "Right to Work Law" would do to all organized labor. This should emphasize the need for all to vote at each election to keep those in office who will help labor the most.

The advanced class in Industrial Electronics opened on Monday, September 20, 1954. Almost all of the students who attended classes last year returned for the advanced course. There are some new faces, 19 having registered to date. All of the equipment that was ordered has not yet arrived. There will be more coming in a week or so. We are all looking forward to a very interesting as well as educational program.

HARRY F. HAMILL, P. S.

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Praise for Syracuse Local's Welfare Plan

L. U. 43, SYRACUSE, N. Y.—A year ago, the officers and Executive Board members of Local 43, serving as an organization committee, succeeded in establishing a welfare program for its sick and disabled members, that provided a weekly payment of benefits during the period of disability. These payments were supplementary to any benefits the disabled member would receive from any other source—state or private. It had long been recognized that money payments received as compensation for loss of wages due to an injury sustained while employed, or benefits received from the states because of sickness or injuries sustained while not employed on a job, were insufficient to maintain the injured or ill member and his family. Lotteries, passing

the hat and direct appropriations by the local for the indigent member were tried and found sadly lacking in their effect on the member as well as his fellow workers but many of the more conservative members of the local union were unwilling to consider a compulsory benefit program that would be free from the objectionable features of the several benefit-providing methods described.

Much credit is due the members of the committee who finally succeeded in a quiet but effective educational program that convinced the members of the need for the proposed program. This first hurdle accomplished, the committee next tackled the problem of setting up a program that would be self sustaining as well as continuous in its action for the period of disability. The first was accomplished by an hourly increase of wages earmarked for welfare use and the second by an arrangement with a reputable insurance company that would guarantee the weekly payments to the member for the period desired.

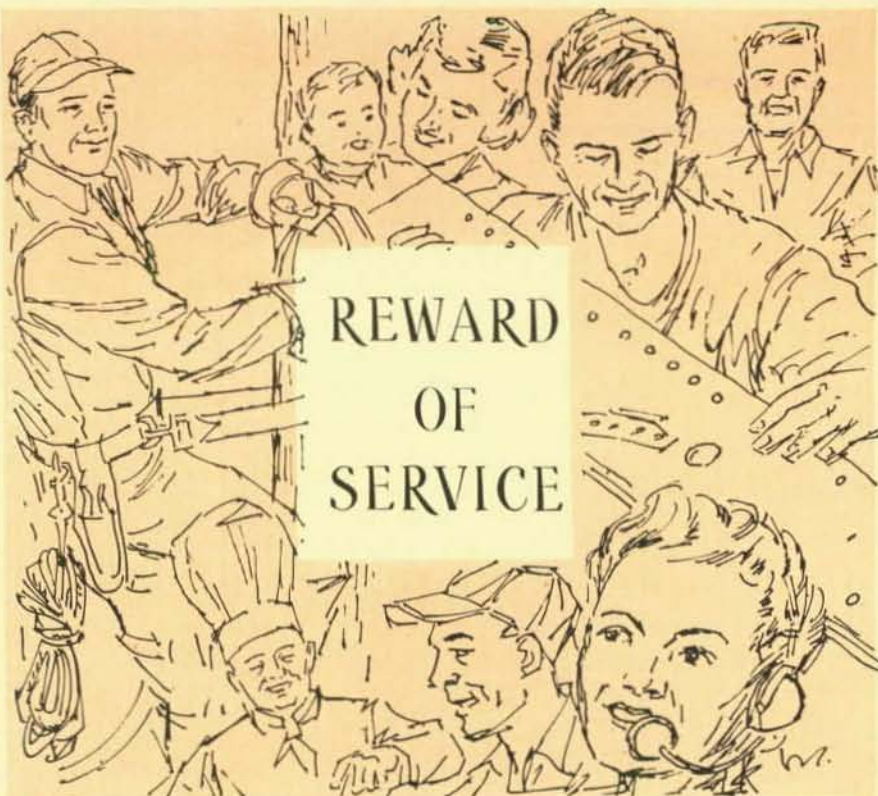
The year's experience has proven the wisdom of the actions taken by the committee and some of the more outspoken critics were among the first to benefit from the plan because of unexpected illness or accidents that removed them from employment for varying periods of time. Even our most active member of the committee, Recording Secretary Karl Snyder, found himself an unexpected recipient of the fund when he fell from a ladder while engaged in some minor repairs on his home! Karl has taken quite a bit of "ribbing" regarding his accident and his attempts to explain his fall from a ladder under the circumstances described by him have not, as yet, satisfied his hecklers! However they, as well as the other members of Local Union 43, are grateful to Karl and the other members of the committee who have labored so diligently to provide this excellent welfare program.

BILL NIGHT, P. S.

Get-Together Party Held By Local 67

L. U. 67, QUINCY, ILL.—At this writing, school bells have rung, and all the youngsters are starting another year of learning, autumn leaves are falling, football games, barbecue parties are in progress, cool nights are beginning and then winter. I do hope that all the members of the Brotherhood went through the summer with plenty of work and some left to carry on through until the New Year. Then we will have to start all over again, because that will make us try for a better year than those passed.

Work here in Quincy has been going



The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
Whose deeds both great and small
Are close-knit strands of an unbroken thread,
Where love ennoble all.
The world may sound no trumpets, ring no bells,
The Book of Life the slurring record tells.

Thy love shall chant its own beatitudes
After its own like working. A child's kiss
Set on thy singing lips shall make thee glad;
A poor man served by thee shall make thee rich;
A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong;
Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense
Of service which thou renderest.

—ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING.



along very well, but there is a sign of "slowing just a little." We always should look for slack time some time during each year, but there is always a time when work starts up with a bang and nobody can realize where it comes from so fast.

I sincerely hope that all contributed to the extra polio funds campaign, as it is certainly a worthy cause, and all of us could and should give to the best of our ability.

At our September 7 meeting the local had a get-together party with entertainment, by showing motion pictures of last year's picnic and the one recently held in July. Also lunch and refreshments were served, making an evening of business and pleasure.

Quite a number of holidays are in the offing. During the month of October it is Columbus Day, the day to remember on which Columbus discovered America, and there will be plenty on radio and television to remind us of that. In the month of November we find the big Election Day when every man and woman should take advantage of the right to vote and show his true Americanism. Also, we have Armistice Day, commemorating the day for those who have served their country in the Army, Navy and the Marines, who gave their best, and in many cases their lives, so that we might continue on. Then comes Thanksgiving, a day to count our many blessings.

Most of the men are beginning to return left-over materials from the big jobs they have been on all summer, and as I said before, work is slowing up but there seems to be plenty to look forward to, for plans are being drawn every day and that means work for someone.

Sorry I missed the last issue of the Worker, and will try not to do so again.

R. H. LUBBERING, P. S.

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Tidewater Area Work Picture Looks Bright

L. U. 80, NORFOLK, VA.—Everything is about normal in this section of the Tidewater Area (land of the "Right-to-work"). There seems to be enough work to last through the year for the local boys and our out-of-town Brothers who got in prior to getting pried out by outsiders. The tunnel across Hampton Roads is now in the bidding stage and will be welcomed by the time it breaks. The new 27-story addition to the Portsmouth Naval Hospital is also due to break ground early in '55, thanks be. Our delegates to the Convention, Brothers E. M. Key and W. K. Alexander brought back a wonderful over-all description of the Convention and at this writing we are licking our chops and looking forward with pleasant anticipation to the coverage in our October JOURNAL. From all accounts and the literature we obtained it must have been the biggest and most colorful of them all. (As this old codger is trying to recover from a major surgery and is still somewhat weak and useless I must beg your indulgence and use what strength I have left for November 2nd quips.) Among the many outstanding features of the Convention was the address by Mr. Louis Sherman, General Counsel for the IBEW. The astounding facts he revealed should be made known to every American Citi-

zen (organized and otherwise) with the unfailing certainty that every just and true American citizen would feel it their duty, as such, to demand a thorough reappraisal of the Constitutions' prime precepts that are so ably laid down in its preamble and so proudly put forth in the "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" of the Declaration of Independence. We can rest assured, had the damaging clauses been in labors' favor, big business—in its infamous campaign for favorable public sentiment—would have long since blazed them on every TV screen and 90 percent of the press throughout the land.

We offer no pros or cons to the Supreme Court suddenly becoming Constitution-conscious. However, the word, segregation, (as distinguished from, discrimination), now more than ever becomes doubly significant with labor as its lone victim. In this modern day, closed shop organizations prevail almost unanimously throughout the land (without legal restraint) from the friendly neighborhood grocer to the upper realms of the professions while labor's fetters remain intact. However, Art. IV, Sec. 2, Par. 1 of the Constitution reads, "The Citizens of each state shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states." But the most brazen Constitutional breach by its arrogant authors, Taft-Hartley, (Section 14 (B) circumvents the Constitution and without a referendum actually allows the State Legislatures to be supreme in the field of union security, resulting in our so-called "right-to-work" laws. Let's see what the Constitution says about this. Art. VI, Par. 2 reads in part, "This Constitution and the laws of the United States . . . shall be the supreme law of the land and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any state to the contrary notwithstanding." And, Art. VI, Par. 3 reads in part, "The Senators and Representatives before mentioned and the members of the several State Legislatures and all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several states, shall be bound by oath or affirmation to support this Constitution." This should be plain enough for anyone to understand but, in face of all this the anti-labor Eisenhower Administration—in breaking its solemn campaign pledge—has seen fit to adopt a do-nothing policy about labor's desperate predicaments. The truth is Brothers and Sisters, if we don't take the initiative and vote labor's friends in, these conditions will most certainly cause Big Business to finally realize its greatest ambition; destroy organized labor completely. And don't forget, if you don't vote, don't squawk. So long.

J. V. (JOE) HOCKMAN, P. S.

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Brothers, we want you to have your JOURNAL! When you have a change in address, please let us know. Be sure to include your old address and please don't forget to fill in L. U. and Card No. This information will be helpful in checking and keeping our records straight.

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Honors Ceremony at Annual Chicken Fry

L. U. 84, ATLANTA, GA.—Local 84 recently held its annual Chicken Fry, Honor Ceremony, and Square Dance at Grant Park. Everyone especially enjoyed that great Southern dish—good ole fried chicken.

Enclosed is a picture of our president, Brother Fred Grimes, presenting Brother W. D. Deaton his 50-year pin with Brother Arnold Kennedy, business manager looking on and giving moral support.

Also receiving pins were: J. H. Foster, 35 years; S. G. Hale, 35 years; H. G. Chappallear, 35 years; W. L. Chapman, 30 years; J. V. Fowler, 30 years; H. A. Medlin, 30 years; A. M. Young, Sr., 30 years; C. F. Hansard, 30 years; D. A. Reeves, 30 years; W. L. Pope, 30 years; W. H. Knox, 30 years; T. L. Buse, 30 years; L. C. Fordham, 30 years; A. D. Tyree, 30 years; H. P. Smith, 30 years; H. Y. Wilkes, 30 years; A. W. Ingram, 25 years.

Honor pins are presented to members who have 25 or more years of membership. Pins are presented annually at the expiration of each five years, after 25 years membership. We have some 31 Brothers having over 25 years standing in the IBEW.

P. A. PAGE, P. S.

Highlights of Aug.-Sept. Activities

L. U. 106, JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—August and September have proved to be active and enjoyable months for those of us who are here at home. August 15th of course was the local's picnic held at Allegheny State Park. There was a nice turnout but we were a little disappointed not to see more of those familiar faces.

Then along about the 28th, Buffalo Local 41's party was held with several of the boys from L. U. 106 attending, namely: Carl Pihl, Tex Greer, Larry Sundquist, Lucius Seymour and McLean. As usual they more than enjoyed themselves and use this means again as a measure of showing their appreciation.

Next, Saturday, September 11th saw us at Local 106's first stag party to be held in some years. A wonderful table was served consisting of corn on the cob, roast beef on Kummelwisch buns, and of course, all other trimmings including fresh clams. Games were played both indoors and outdoors with interesting results. At first it was believed Brother Bud Boardman had injured his knee in the preceding activities but it was later determined that he had not. However, Bud was in the hospital for almost a week with a

piece of broken cartilage in his knee. Sincere regrets from all, Bud, and hope to see you up and around again soon!

While on the subject of illness I am reminded of Bob Moffett. Bob was taken to a Buffalo hospital last Saturday or Sunday with a duodenal ulcer. While there he was administered 14 pints of blood and at last report he was doing as well as could be expected. Floyd, Bob's father, has had his hands full as Mrs. Moffett was stricken with a slight stroke about two weeks ago, so let us all express our sincere wishes for a quick recovery for the Moffetts.

Next Monday evening our apprentice training evening school program again gets under way at the local high school.

It looks as though summer is about over, Brothers, although the "large" are beginning to bite now on live bait up on Chautauqua Lake. Guess that covers the news from Local 106 for now.

BEN DAWSON, P. S.

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Report from L.U. 107 Convention Delegate

L. U. 107, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—As one of your delegates to the 25th International Convention in Chicago, I wish to say now more than ever what this great Brotherhood means to me and how grateful I am for having had the privilege of representing you as a member of L. U. 107.

Undoubtedly this great body of men selected leaders of unquestionable ability, integrity and forthright knowledge to build and create a strong and a more secure Brotherhood. What has been done before is great history and it is up to us to see to it that we never give up what we have gained and that we strive for even greater achievements.

To these sentiments our International President pledged himself before the delegates, to keep faith with his predecessors and to further press onward to greater heights. I was profoundly impressed by the humility that our International President displayed after his formal election, also by his complete mastery of all situations during the laws discussions.

I would be doing you a grave injustice by not mentioning the members of the all-important International Executive Council. These men are to us what the judicial branch of the United States Government is to the people of our Republic. This group of men decide the future course of our Brotherhood. Their leader is Brother Paulsen, who is the proud possessor of a 60-year pin in recognition of his outstanding service to the I.B.E.W. I had the privilege of

Brother Receives 50-Year Pin



At the chicken fry and square dance of Local 84, Atlanta, Ga., a fifty-year service pin is presented to Brother W. D. Deaton by President Fred Grimes, while Business Manager Arnold Kennedy, at left, looks on.

meeting him and two of his colleagues.

With the selection of Brother Joseph Keenan as our International Secretary I can say after meeting him and listening to his acceptance speech, we now have a fighting spirit in a tremendously important job and I wish for him all the best in his new capacity. Because of a physician's order our International Treasurer was unable to be with us but we are confident that his duties will be handled in the same efficient manner as have been done during his long tenure of office.

And to Mike J. Boyle, our 6th District Vice-President, I wish to say without reservation he is, and always will be, a symbol of a fighting spirit and shrewd judge of men and lover of good humor. Our Sixth District unanimously elected "Mike" because we need this kind of man and God grant him many more years as our International Vice President.

I was profoundly impressed by the size of the Convention hall. It literally swallowed up thousands of people with the greatest of ease but with the excellent speaker system everything could be heard likewise with the greatest of ease.

To all the locals of Chicago that participated in the Convention planning, we delegates from 107 say, "Bravo—well done!"

Now to our local news. The auxiliaries of Grand Rapids, headed by Mrs. Loucks, who incidentally has worked for 50 years in the cause of union labor, put on a Union Label Week dinner on September 25, 1954, to which 167 members of different trade unions came. This is an idea which is particularly unique in Michigan and is a good one to bring to our constant attention "Buy Union and Be Union."

LLOYD R. BLOOMBERG, P. S.

Local 134 Moves Into Brand New Headquarters

L. U. 134, CHICAGO, ILL.—On August 23, 1954, one week prior to the opening of the International Convention in Chicago, Local Union 134 moved into its new quarters at 600 West Washington Boulevard.

The building, formerly an old powerhouse with an eight-foot smokestack rising almost 200 feet in the air was remodeled to suit the needs of our expanding membership.

Our regular monthly meeting, held on the first Thursday of every month occurred during the Convention week on September 2. Plans had been made to dedicate the new quarters at this meeting, as the Boyle Labor Temple, in honor of our illustrious Business Manager Michael J. Boyle.

The following International Offi-

Local 134 Has New Home



International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan, a featured speaker at ceremonies attendant to Local 134's moving into its new headquarters.



International President J. Scott Milne speaking to members of Local 134 in the auditorium of their new headquarters.



Left to right: Patrick F. Sullivan, president, Chicago Building Trades Council; Robert R. Donnelly, recording secretary, Local 134; William O'Connell, member Executive Board, Local 134; William O'Toole, business rep., Local 134; Thomas J. Murray, business rep., Local 134; Harry J. Hughes, financial secretary, Local 134; Charles M. Paulsen, president, Local 134; Edward M. Scott, member Executive Board, Local 134; James S. Quinlan, business rep., Local 134, and Frank E. Doyle, treasurer, Local 134.

ers, and officers of other local unions attended the ceremony, and paid tribute to the accomplishments of Brother Boyle and Local 134.

J. Scott Milne, International President; Joseph D. Keenan, International Secretary; H. H. Broach, Secretary, International Executive Council; Louis Marciano, Member, International Executive Council; Frank Benner, Business Manager, Local No. 9; Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., business manager, Local No. 3; E. R. Rede-meier, business manager, Local No. 1; Roy Cummins, Director of Labor, State of Illinois, and Patrick Sullivan, President, Chicago and Cook County Building Trades Council.

The dedication address was made by Harry J. Hughes, financial secretary of Local Union 134, who unveiled a bronze tablet, which was later to be placed on the cornerstone of the building. The details of the dedication can best be understood by the verbatim reading of his remarks which follow:

"Tonight we are meeting within the walls of one of Chicago's great landmarks of progress.

"65 years ago our city fathers converted Chicago's local transportation system from horse drawn street cars to cable cars, and under this very roof was housed the first central steam generating plant that operated that system.

"About that time the electricians of Chicago were joining forces with the electrical workers throughout the nation to improve the working conditions of our trade, and a few years later, in St. Louis, they organized what is known as our International Brotherhood.

"Chicago prospered and grew and developed into the third largest city in the world, and 134 kept pace with this growth and development, and today it is the third largest local in our Brotherhood.

"The road to success for 134 was no primrose path. There were many bitter contests for control. Factionalism threatened our very existence until 1919 when such men as Mike Kennedy, Charles Paulsen, Dan Cleary, Walter Sheffer, Patty Sullivan, Joe Keenan, Fred Drullard, Frank Doyle and others united behind our present leader.

"In 1920, the year following, they purchased the building we just left, on Ogden Avenue, for \$32,000 and we expect to sell it for much more.

"Larger office space was required to meet our expanding membership, and last October we purchased this building for \$65,000. We spent an additional \$350,000 to remodel it, but we saved \$200,000 which we would have had to spend for a new building of this size.

"Now, with all due respect for the contributions made to the success of 134, by all of our officers and mem-

NOTICE

The 1955 Bowling Tournament will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio with L. U. 212 as host local, and Brother Ed Huber, Chairman of the Committee arranging for the event. Detailed information will be forthcoming later in the JOURNAL.

bers, both living and dead, there is one outstanding leader whom we all love and respect.

"This man has distinguished himself not only as a leader of 134, but as the outstanding labor personality in the middle west. Fair and honest in his every judgment, dauntless in his fervor to carry out the ideals and traditions of the American labor movement, he is affectionately known to all of us as the 'Flying Harp.'

"Just as he has dedicated himself to the welfare of working men and women, we the officers of 134 want to perpetuate his name in the dedication of this historical landmark whose rugged and sturdy old walls are symbolic of his fearlessness, and strength, and character, and whose inner refinement reflect his finesse and diplomacy in dealing with the most learned and cultured of negotiators.

"It is our earnest hope that this strong and durable structure will carry into posterity long after we are all dead and gone, the name of the man who has done so much for all of us,

Michael J. Boyle.

"To implement this dedication, we had a tablet moulded with Mr. Boyle's image sculptured in bronze, which will be placed on the cornerstone of our building by union workmen tomorrow.

"I will read the inscription on the tablet and then set it here on display so all may see it before leaving the hall.

The inscription follows:

This building was originally constructed in the year 1889
by the

West Chicago Street Railway
Company

as a
Powerhouse, operating Chicago's
original cable car system

It was remodeled in the year
1954, by the
International Brotherhood
of

Electrical Workers,
Local Union 134,
To house its general offices and
meeting hall, and dedicated

by its members
as the
Boyle Labor Temple.

In grateful appreciation to its
Business Manager,
Michael J. Boyle.

For a lifetime of outstanding achievement, inspired leadership, tireless effort and sincere devotion to the cause of the American Labor Movement, in general, and the welfare of the Electrical Workers in particular.

"Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask approval of this action from the membership.

"Thereupon, Ladies and Gentlemen, this building shall forever be known as the Boyle Labor Temple, and this hall as the Boyle Auditorium.

"Thank you."

HARRY J. HUGHES, F. S.

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Much Fun Reported At Joint Picnic

L. U. 142, PITTSBURGH, PA.—At the joint picnic of Locals 142 and 148 at Kennywood Park on August 21 the tug-of-war team from Local 142 had little trouble defeating the team from Local 148. That makes one victory for each local, as Local 148 won last year's contest. Next year I am sure Local 142 will prove its superiority. In the horseshoe pitching contest, the team of Jim McNiff and Bob Lindner of Local 142, after defeating the other teams from the local, went on to win from the team of Carney and Whitey, representing Local 148. In the other contests the results were about even. It was a beautiful day for a picnic and all our people who attended reported having a wonderful time. Marty Carney, Ken Raynes and myself, your picnic committee, wish to thank all the people who worked to make this picnic a success.

It seems we do have some fishermen on the Island who do catch some fish. Wimpy Kaufmann, of the Coal and Ash gang on the Island, recently had his picture in one of the local papers showing Wimpy holding a 43-inch musky he caught while on his vacation in Canada. Perhaps you other fishermen should ask Wimpy his formula for catching fish.

Have you noticed the gleaming smile on the face of Mike Delle Femmine since he acquired his new store teeth?

Another of our bachelors has given up and will join the ranks of the Benedicts. Ed McCosby, Reed Control Room, is taking the fatal step on October 30. To Ed and the future Mrs. McCosby we wish the best of luck and lots of happiness. I wonder how soon the bug will bite John

Bullister and George Milinski. I would say there is still time for Pete Johovic to take the plunge.

We welcome back from the armed services Ray Johnson and Ed Bullister of the Coal and Ash gang.

Plans are being made for a Local 142 basket picnic in 1955. If you have any ideas or suggestions as to how to make such a picnic interesting and enjoyable to all, please let us know of them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Marie Downey and all you other people who have said such nice things about my articles. If you have any criticisms or suggestions to make as to how to make these articles more interesting, please let me hear from you.

This is the month of Thanksgiving. Let us all be thankful to our Maker for the privilege we enjoy of living in such a wonderful country and for the freedoms that are ours. They were not gained in a day and many of our forebearers sacrificed much for the benefits we have today.

There is no limit to the good a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit.

HARVEY C. COOK, P. S.

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1954 IBEW Convention Praised By Local 180

L. U. 180, VALLEJO, CALIF.—The Convention is over, our wandering delegates are home and all reports have been made, discussed and digested. All in all, it was, by far, the greatest Convention the I.B.E.W. has ever had—the biggest, the best run, the most business accomplished. Personally, I would like to lead the entire membership in a rousing vote of thanks and appreciation for the marvelous manner in which the I.O. Officers and their staffs handled the huge crowds so smoothly, provided so many conveniences so interestingly, all with courtesy and efficiency. Few members can possibly realize the tremendous task, the myriad of details and the midnight kilowatts burned in the planning and the executing of such an undertaking.

One of the most controversial issues to come out of the Convention (especially for our Local Union which is 75 percent Civil Service) seems to be the proposed increase of 60 cents per month payment to the Pension Fund by each member not now covered by the contractor's one percent payment. This resolution was referred to the International Executive Council with the recommendation that the I.E.C. submit it to a referendum vote of the membership.

Careful study reveals that some such plan is absolutely essential if we are to have a safe, sound Pension Fund; and the members affected

by the increase will find their monthly payments are still much less than:

1) Payments made by construction Brothers via the one percent.

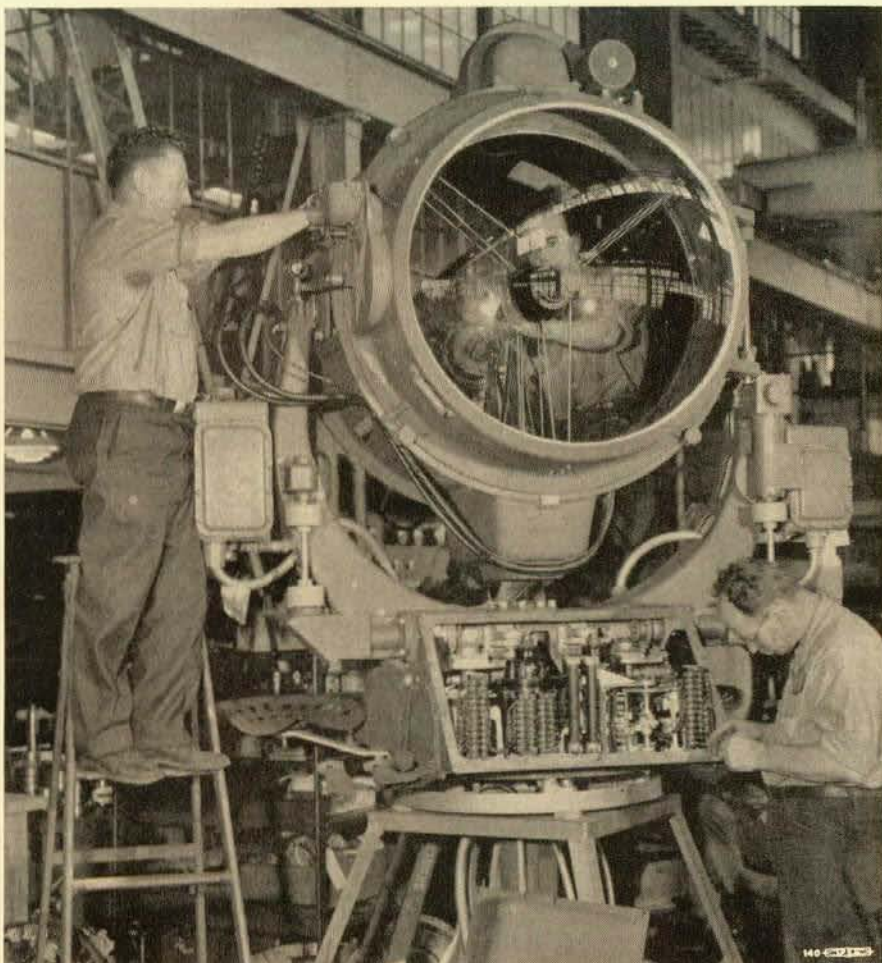
2) Payments that would be necessary under any other pension plan for similar coverage.

There is no doubt that the I.E.C. will submit this resolution to the

membership for a referendum vote and, when they do, there is no doubt that it will receive overwhelming support. Assuming then, as we must, that the 60 cents increase is a certainty, the immediate effects will be:

1) A safer, sounder Pension Fund due to increased deposits.

2) Participation in the mainten-



In preparation for the great centennial celebration depicting Mare Island's 100 years of service to the Fleet, Local 180 marine members overhauled and adjusted several of these large electronically-controlled searchlights.



The new \$6 million Electric-Electronic Building at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, as it nears completion. When finished, new structure will have shops employing some 350 marine members of Local 180.

ance of the fund by Brothers not now covered by the one percent payments.

3) Participation by our Canadian Brothers who are prohibited by Canadian law to negotiate the one percent payments.

4) More active negotiations to get other contractors and employers to subscribe to the one percent plan.

5) Proof to N.E.C.A. that all members are now actively participating in payments to the fund as well as sharing in the benefits.

6) A more satisfied feeling among the Brotherhood that each member is carrying his part in the Pension Fund.

All other Pension resolutions that were deemed worthy of consideration were referred by the Law Committee and by the Convention to the I.E.C. for further study and action. These include pensions for disabled members and for deceased members' families.

Our workload seems to be slackening off to some degree, but most members are still working steady and can foresee no drastic curtailment in the immediate future. We are experiencing some difficulties due to the differences in interpretation by our members and by some contractors regarding various clauses in our working agreement as handed down by a recent Council on Industrial Relations decision, but we are hoping and striving for a fair settlement in the near future.

Other members—Civil Service, public service and maintenance—are all busy, all enjoying a continuing workload where they are employed. Mare Island Naval Shipyard is busy celebrating its 100th anniversary and is presently engaged in a great centennial celebration. Wish all members of the Brotherhood could be here to help us celebrate during the four days and nights of parades, pageants, cavalcades, shows and exhibits.

D. V. MCCARTY, P. S.

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Vote of Confidence For Springfield Slate

L. U. 193, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Some of the following news items are somewhat belated, but since this is this press secretary's first article in the JOURNAL, we feel at least partially justified in backtracking a little.

Local Union 193 held its election Friday, June 18, but after the ballots were counted, it was evident the majority of the members were well satisfied with their old officers. In fact, there were only three new officers installed at our July meeting, and in each case, the man they succeeded had declined to run again when nominated.

W. P. "Webb" Soldedel was re-

New Slate of Veteran Officers



Satisfaction of the membership with the incumbent officers of Local 193, Springfield, Ill., in their recent election. The new slate, made up largely of incumbents, is, left to right, front row: Vince Davidson, vice president; Karl Bitschenauer, financial secretary and business agent; Wm. L. Porter, Executive Board. Back row: Howard Kuster, recording secretary; W. L. "Doc" Powell, Executive Board; W. P. "Webb" Soldedel, president; Jack Meidel, Executive Board; Lew Van Deren, Examining Board, and Elmer Nelson, treasurer.

elected for a second term as president. He was unopposed for this office, but received a confidence vote from 189 of the 214 members who voted.

E. V. Davidson of Lincoln, Illinois, who has also completed one term, was reelected vice president.

And of course Howard A. Kuster, who has practically become a permanent fixture as recording secretary, again assumed those duties. Brother Kuster has been our secretary for the last 18 consecutive years and even served a few hitches at various times prior to that.

We also sustained our business manager, Karl Bitschenauer, for another term. Karl, like Howard, has been in office quite a long time having been first elected Business Agent in 1944. Karl also was one of our delegates to the I.B.E.W. Convention which was a task not in the least bit strange to him.

Brother Elmer Nelson, who was unopposed for treasurer, received a strong vote of confidence from the membership too. Elmer, who somewhere acquired the nickname of Pete, has been our treasurer for six years now, and has done a very creditable job.

On the Executive Board, which is composed of three members, Jack Meidel, who has long been a member of Local 193, was elected to his fifth consecutive term, and W. L. "Doc" Powell of Jacksonville, Illinois, was elected to his third term. Doc is general foreman on the large State Office Building now being built here in Springfield. Local 193's press sec-

retary succeeded Brother Lewis Van Deren as the third member on the Executive Board. Lew, since his election to the board two years ago, has become a trouble shooter for the City, Water, Light and Power, and due to the conflicting hours, he declined to run for a second term.

The press secretary was also chosen to accompany our business manager, Karl Bitschenauer, to the I.B.E.W. convention. Elmer "Pete" Nelson and C. L. Schoning were picked as alternates.

Gale Castleman, who succeeded Virgil Jacobs on the outside Examining Board, will work with Lew Van Deren, who was reelected for a second term. On the inside Examining Board, Walter F. Goodman was elected for a third term and Al Ushman replaced Joe Clark who declined to run.

The new delegates who have been appointed from Local 193 are as follows:

Federation of Labor: W. P. Soldedel, Frank Hutter.

Building Trades: Karl Bitschenauer, Paul Bitschenauer, W. P. Soldedel.

Lincoln Trades and Labor: E. V. Davidson, E. R. Lemme.

Jacksonville Trades and Labor: Oscar Figgins, R. S. Gillette.

School Board: Robert Hart, Leo Walker, Roy Ladley, Lloyd Spindel, Roland Kuster.

Junior Chamber of Commerce: James Enlow, Albert Birdsell.

Foreman: August Corso.

Inspectors: Henry Catron, Louis Capella.

On the 20th of September, our apprentice school got underway again with about 50 men enrolled in five different classes. All but the fourth year men attend two—two hour classes a week. The fourth year men, provided they have attended classes regularly the first three years, need only attend once a week. Special dispensations are also made for the out-of-town men.

We also have a bowling team comprised of apprentices in the Springfield A. F. of L. Construction League this year. Those boys on the team are Charles Zittle, captain; Henry Morgan, Jack Lee Meidel, Tom Cunningham, Frank Metzger, and Crawford Davis.

In fact Local 193 is pretty well represented throughout the league. Brother Bob Thornburgh is secretary of it, and two of our contractors, Volle Electric and Mansfield Electric, both sponsor teams in it made up of our members.

W. L. PORTER, P. S.

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Railroad Electricians Angle on Convention

L. U. 205, DETROIT, MICH.—The International Convention of the I.B.E.W. was unquestionably the greatest the Brotherhood has ever experienced.

For railroad electricians it had a special significance. The growing importance of Electrical Workers on railroads is keeping pace with the rising influence of the I.B.E.W. in America's forces of labor and industry. The immediate future may well serve to place our union in the forefront of organized workers throughout the world.

Activity on the floor of the Convention pointed up the efforts of the railroad members to participate fully, as recognized first-class citizens of the Brotherhood.

It should be remembered that the I.B.E.W. has only recently become almost fully organized on railroads. For many years we fought to maintain our membership, but now the union shop relieves us of that constant struggle. We are now in a position to provide better all around representation to the many more members we have under the banner of our organization.

Incidental to the Convention was the very pleasant affair the delegates from System Council No. 7 had at the Atlantic Hotel. General Chairman LeClair spoke at length about the history of the System Council. At 2:30 a.m. we had to break up so as to be able to get to the convention the next morning. It was especially good because all the delegates who attended expressed their desire to get on with many new jobs we have to do.

The first job on hand is the effective application of the "Fringe Benefits" agreement. We have made a step forward in this settlement. The real value may depend on the efforts we make to assure the maximum understanding and application of the insurance provisions.

One thing was clear to all delegates who exchanged ideas and discussed problems confronting local officers; the handling of local union affairs is becoming more complicated. The System Council and the International will have to establish educational programs to train local officers so that they can meet the responsibilities of their office.

A good representative of our organization cannot sit back and wait for grievances which may result from an occasional violation of the working agreement or miscarriage of discipline by the company. Representation has come to mean more than that. Union leaders must provide the members with information and assistance so that they may realize the benefits of retirement laws, unemployed laws, sickness and hospitalization insurance, legal services under compensation laws, legislation pertaining to their industry or occupation, political interests of the union, and many more matters.

Yes, this Convention and the vigorous leadership which will carry on the work for the future have accepted a tremendous responsibility. We have every reason to be optimistic. The ability to mix ideals, vision, and

reality will be the measure of their success. If they succeed, we shall succeed and the I.B.E.W. will be ever more a boon to mankind.

WOODROW L. INGRAM, P. S.

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50-Year Member Honored By Local 210 At Party

L. U. 210, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—On September 23rd a dinner party was held at the Stanley Restaurant in Atlantic City in honor of Charles Eichorst who has been a member of the I.B.E.W. for 50 years.

Brother Eichorst (better known as Ike) was an officer of this local for better than 20 years and was very active in union affairs up to the time of his retirement.

Enclosed are two pictures taken at the dinner, one of the entire group, the other from left to right show our Business Manager, John N. Gasko, Charles Eichorst and our President Hubert Cheatham.

After the dinner, some of our "old timers" started to reminisce about the good old days when three dollars a day was big money and when you had to hide your ticket in one of your shoes in order to keep your job.

A good time was enjoyed by all.

Changing the subject, our Negotiating Committee is now busy bargaining with the Atlantic City Electric Company for a new agreement. Our negotiations were held up for awhile because most of our committee were

Another 50-Year Pin



Charles Eichorst, center, receives pin for 50 years of membership in IBEW from Hubert Cheatham, Local 210 president, right, as business manager of Local 210, John Gasko, left, holds 50-year membership certificate.

delegates to our convention in Chicago.

In closing, a bouquet to President Milne for the manner in which the Convention was conducted and thanks to the Chicago locals for their hospitality.

CHET MATSON, P. S.

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Value of "Work" Stressed by Scribe

L. U. 211, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—

Yours truly missed an issue this summer because I decided I wanted to. And what do you think happened? I was reminded about it. You see fellows the Maisch's had a new arrival in the way of a German Shepherd pup. And as we never had a dog before it took quite a bit of our time. He was only six weeks of age when we got him and now he is going into his 24th week. We both have become very attached to him, and I assure you if I don't take him out for his walk at night he lets me know about it. You see we press secretaries have our troubles. It seems funny to me but you know when we miss an article in the JOURNAL we are reminded about it. But by the same token we can have one in the JOURNAL months on end and some Brother will throw his issue on the table and never look at it, but miss one article in one issue and you are told about it.

I just read this article in the "United Benefit News," and thought it was worth while to repeat it for those who may not have read it. I wonder if a lot of the dear Brothers know what "The Most Valuable Thing In The World Is?" Well here it is.

"I am the most desirable thing in life. Without me no one can be healthy, happy, or useful. Without me, the hidden wealth and vast resources of this earth would have no value.

"Men and women who try to get along without me are characterless, selfish, undeveloped, useless, and unprofitable members of society.

"I am behind every fortune, every art and science, every achievement, every triumph of man.

"Rich men and poor men alike often try to find substitutes for me, hoping thereby to secure a larger measure of happiness, peace and satisfaction, but they are always bitterly disappointed. Instead of gain, every substitute for me brings them infinite loss.

"As the Creator is greater than the creature, so am I greater than wealth, power, fame, learning, or any other acquired possession or quality of man, because I am the source from which he acquired them. *I AM WORK.*"

Yours truly received a nice letter from Brother Bachie, and at this time I would like to make a correction.

Banquet Honors Eichorst



Local 210 members at banquet honoring 50-year member Eichorst.

In an earlier article I should have said that Brother Bachie has been chief inspector of the Electrical Bureau of Atlantic City since May 3, 1946. To you and you it does not mean anything but to him at the time it meant a big raise in pay. By the way Bachie, stay out of the ocean when the water is all the way up to your ankles, head first. You know what I mean. *Thanks for the Kind Words Bachie.*

I have also been told that our Business Manager Herbert Stickel lost his mother during the month of August. My condolences to you Herb. Also heard that the Press Secretary of Local 210 Ed Doherty met with a bit of misfortune and has been laid up. How bad it is I do not know, but I hope by this time that he has had a speedy recovery. In closing I would like to say Brothers. Just remember—"It's easier to get ulcers from what's eating you than from what you eat."

BART "CURLEY" MAISCH, P. S.

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Gives Thoughts on Coming Holidays

L. U. 212, CINCINNATI, OHIO—

Turkey time is almost upon us. At this time we here in America can be thankful for the bountiful blessings showered upon us. We truly have much to be thankful for and yet there is room for improvement in numerous undertakings. There are determined forces constantly acting from both within and without, attempting to abolish the principles of a truly democratic form of government by the people.

Some of these forces, communism especially, aspire to have a foreign power control this government. Others in their selfishness, strive to have control placed into the hands of a select few. These latter would love to see all of the working class subjugated to the wishes and commands of their employer. Only if there is a balance between worker and em-

ployer can harmonious relations exist.

Remember that prosperity as we know it today exists primarily and principally because of the union movement. Let's protect what we have and at the same time strive for even brighter and more promising horizons.

The I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament will be held in the Queen City in the spring of 1955. Headquarters for the tournament will be set up in the Netherland Plaza hotel. Brother Ed. Huber is chairman of the committee arranging the affair. Arrangements have been completed for the use of the alleys and hotel accommodations during the tournament. Definite information will be forthcoming in the near future after final details have been ironed out.

CARL H. VOELLMECKE, P. S.

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Take Part in Ohio Labor Day Parade

L. U. 245, TOLEDO, OHIO—Reporting from Local 245, Toledo, Ohio, without much to report. With the new contract signed and the summer still with us, it has been rather quiet here.

One activity worth reporting is that Local 245 has again participated in the combined Labor Day Parade in Toledo which saw the largest parade and also the largest number of spectators in recent years. Unfortunately we can not claim much credit for this as our contribution in numbers left something to be desired. However, for those who did march there was a very nice party in the Swiss Hall. This was given in conjunction with Locals 8 and 1076. Our committee for the party and parade consisted of Brother Ed Rogers, chairman assisted by Brothers Herman Moore, Leo Bayes and George Rogers.

Not all have been idling away the summer though. President Stephen LaPorte and Business Manager Vincent Wise along with Brothers How-

ard Delker and George Thomas attended the Ohio Conference I.B.E.W. meeting in Cincinnati during July and the Fourth District Progress Meeting in Cleveland during August.

Representing Local 245 at the International Convention in Chicago were President Stephen LaPorte and Brothers Vincent Wise, business manager, Carl Standriff, Jacob Bryan, Howard Delker, George Thomas and Carl Yenrick. They reported many hours devoted to committee work but agreed that all the time at the convention was well spent.

Work on the Toledo Edison Company's new Bay Shore generating station is progressing and it is reported that the plant should be operating in September of next year. This should provide quite a few promotions for members of our local.

Recent deaths in the local were Brothers Melvin Rice and Wilfred Cannings, both members 19 years, and Enos Snodgrass who was a member 17 years. Death also took two former members who were on the International pension, Brothers Mortiz Kumpe and Frank Lefler. May they rest in peace.

PAUL D. SCHIEVER, P. S.

New Officers Named By Local 252

L. U. 252, ANN ARBOR, MICH.—As this is my first try at writing an article for our local, I hope it will pass the censors. I was told by Brother Ferris that he had sent in a letter for the month of August so I will drop in a few lines for September.

There hasn't been too much excitement in this city for the past few weeks. All the jobs have been rolling right along. Some of the boys tell of vacations and trips, and especially

To Direct Local 252 Next Term



Left to right: Richard Kett, president; Harold Badger, Executive Board; Ira Ferris, Examining Board; Pete Estermyer, Jr., treasurer; Frank Kildau, Executive Board; Tom Kittle, Examining Board; John Kittle, Executive Board; Robert Strieter, financial secretary; Walter Shszek, recording secretary; Herman Wiedman, business agent; Charles Dockter, vice president and George Combs, Executive Board. All will help direct Local 252.

of the fish they caught. Hope you enjoyed your time off as I did.

We have a new set of officers for the next term and I had my camera along on the night of installation. The picture was taken in color first then reproduced in black and white. Reading from left to right on the largest group they are: Richard "Dick" Kett, president; Harold Badger, Executive Board; Ira Ferris, Examining Board; Pete Estermyer, Jr., treasurer; Frank Kildau, Executive Board; Tom Kittle, Executive Board; John Kittle, Examining Board; Robert Strieter, financial secretary; Walter Shszek, Recording Secretary; Herman Wiedman, business agent; Charles Dockter, Vice-president; and George Combs, Executive Board. The other picture is of Dick, Herman, Johnny and Walt discussing some of the evening's business and turning the

recording secretary's books over to Walt.

One of our older members, Brother Chris Donnegan, was in town for a few days. Glad to have seen you.

Your new Press Secretary
JOE EXELBY, P. S.

Pay Boost, Other Features In New Contract

L. U. 261, GROTON, CONN.—Hello again, from the shores of the "Thames" and the birthplace of the world's first atomic-powered submarine the "Nautilus," which was commissioned into the United States Navy on the 30th of September here at the boat company.

We held our monthly meeting this month and the attendance was very gratifying indeed. During the meeting our president, Brother Norman Brennan explained to the group the new contract that was signed between the Electric Boat Division of the General Dynamics Corporation and the Metal Trades Council.

The new contract of one year duration, calls for an 11-cent package plan which has an increase across the board for all employees, additional fringe benefits with retroactive pay to July 1st, more comprehensive insurance benefits with no added cost to employees, eight paid holidays, and also a feature which provides that in the event of termination for lack of work, length of service will not be considered broken, provided the employee is re-hired within 18 months.

By the way, on these shores we were visited by "two ladies" recently, Hurricane Carol and Hurricane Edna. Carol visited us on August 31st and did extensive damage as can be seen

New Officers of Local 252



Left to right: Dick Kett, Herman Wiedman, John Kittle and Walter Shszek.

in this photo, with her big winds and extremely high tides. On September 11th Edna came along being more gentle, plenty wet and caused less damage. Thank goodness!

Things here at the "boat" at this writing seems to be "holding pretty good" as far as can be seen. So from the "Shores of the Thames" your scribe will say we'll be seeing you in the near future . . .

WILLIAM "BILL" STANLEY, P. S.

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Local 305 Puts Two Bowling Teams In Play

L. U. 305, FORT WAYNE, IND.—The call went out this September for interested members to discuss the possibility of forming teams for bowling. We didn't get the turnout we expected but I am happy to say L. U. 305 has two teams bowling in the Walther League every Thursday night. Next year we hope to increase the teams so you members that have been bowling and those just starting, think about getting on a team. We are out for some fun and at the same time to give the local some publicity. This is known as tooting your own horn so the more tooters the louder the noise. Don't forget next year we want you on a team of the IBEW league—sounds good, doesn't it. It's possible!

The work in this area has been up and down this fall with some members still working out of town. As there are no large jobs in the making we hope we can do as well for the coming winter.

The meetings are back to first and third Mondays so do attend and get the where, why and whens, first hand. I will see you at the next meeting.

W. L. WASSON, P. S.

Apprentices Galore

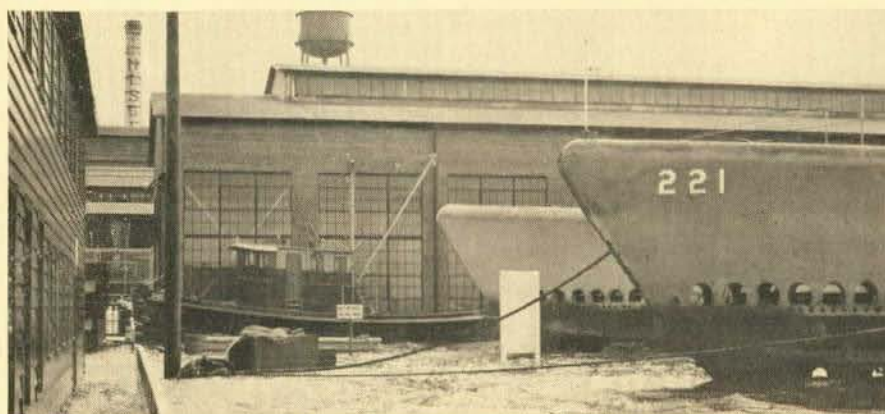


Apprentices and their instructors in Local 308 smile for the photographer. Front row, left to right: Don Johnson and I. H. Reisen. Second row, left to right: L. J. Tucker, J. T. Olson, E. L. Knepp, R. J. Bean, Jr., A. T. Thomas, C. F. Baum. Third row, left to right: Ernest Golly, instructor; C. W. Burkett, C. L. McKinney, committee secretary; E. M. Ralston and L. L. Howell. Fourth row, left to right: R. D. Cook, R. A. Thomas, G. W. Burt, W. G. Doran, R. E. Trudell and R. F. Schneider. Standing, left to right: A. T. Criste, J. H. Epright, H. A. Tuerpe, J. Tassillo, Jr., R. E. Sommerkamp, A. F. Hoffman, L. A. Sarbeck, J. H. Day, instructor; J. Kuintus, K. C. Allwörden and E. F. Albury, who received N.A.M. Outstanding Apprentice award in 1953 for Florida.



Members of Local 308 Apprentice Committee, left to right: J. H. Day, C. L. McKinney, S. W. Hadley, Ernest Golly, and Ralph Bean.

Submarines Ride Out "Carol"



Looking like the snouts of a pair of hungry sharks, submarines at the fitting-out docks, ride high as hurricane "Carol" kicks up. Local 261 faced the task of restoring power and lighting after the big whirler passed.

Beneficial Contract Gained By Local 308

L. U. 308, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. All the Brothers of Local 308 extend to Brother Dan Tracy their sincerest thanks for a job well done and wish that he continues in good health upon his retirement.

Speaking of retirement—maybe we can expect to see Brother Dan here in the Sunshine City where all good electricians come for retirement.

We would like to wish Brother J. Scott Milne a long and successful term in office and pledge our wholehearted cooperation toward success.

We have successfully negotiated a new agreement with our contractors and feel that both parties concerned,

with consideration to each other, have come to a mutual understanding. We have gained a 25 cent hourly pay increase and the working conditions are considered fair to both labor and management.

Our Negotiating Committee, Brothers Bean, Dagastino, Shaw and Hadley did an excellent job and all the men appreciate and applaud their wisdom and effort for the good of the union.

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Ray "Pop" Rauliegh who died suddenly while on a visit to his home town, Chicago. Brother Rauliegh was one of the real old timers in the I.B.E.W. He was initiated March 17, 1904 and his card number, 657, was the lowest I.B.E.W. card number I have ever seen.

Pop transferred from Local 134, Chicago to our local many years ago. We will all feel his loss as his union standards were of the highest order. We have draped our charter out of respect to his memory and all the Brothers extend to his family our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

On Thursday, May 28, we held our "end of the term apprentice school celebration" and made awards of electrical books to Group 1 and Group 2; Richard Trudell and Robert Thomas received the award in Group 1, and K. C. Allworden and Carl Baun were awarded the honors in Group 2.

Eston F. Albury, Joseph Kuitis, Alfred T. Thomas and Earl Knepp each received a check for 25 dollars for having perfect attendance records.

Brothers Lee McKinney, Ernest Golly and John Day have done an excellent job in teaching our apprentices and we all owe them a debt of gratitude.

BENNETT COREY, P. S.

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West Virginia Building Trades Meet Well Attended

L. U. 317, HUNTINGTON, W. VA.—All our local members are working at present, but there is a slow down in the general construction that has favored our jurisdiction during the past few years. The larger Kyger Creek power plant at Cheshire, Ohio is absorbing a large number of our members, but at present we can give but very little work to our traveling Brothers that have so generously helped us in the past.

The West Virginia Building Trades meeting was held September 16, 17, and 18. This meeting was well attended and very progressive.

State Senator M. M. Neely, Congressman Monahan and State Federation President Carter attended, and each gave a very fine, inspiring message. They stressed the very ur-

gent need for all West Virginia union members to write their state representatives and ask them to vote against this new vicious anti-labor law in our state. It is known as the "Right-to-Work" bill. This rotten piece of legislation is aimed at destroying all the conditions and privileges that organized labor has fought so hard for and enjoyed the past few years. It is sponsored by a gang of union-busting dictator-minded big wigs that are in utter misery, almost to the point of nervous breakdown, to see or know that "you" a member of organized labor have been living rather "decently" a few years, that you have been enjoying some of the fruits of your labor and have been able to educate your children. These "labor haters" don't like this and are going all out to get us. Let's get them first. Write, and I say don't fail to write, your state representatives and protest with vigor this bill and ask for their support.

I'm so darned burned up right now that I am going to mail this letter to the river. Maybe a disgruntled boss or a lazy bullhead will voice their objections to my interference with their plans, which in turn, may calm my burned up present spirit and temporarily get my mind off that "Right-to-Work" bill, which really means "right-to-slave."

J. E. SMITH, P. S.

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Holiday Greetings From West Palm Beach

L. U. 323, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—In the printing of words—there is no end. But are all these words used for the benefit of mankind? For his instruction and learning, rather than for his pleasure? "The Written Word" by George Matthew Adams states, "No power on earth equals the written word. The spoken word may thrill for the moment, but its permanence is often lost the moment that it leaves the voice. The written word, however, is passed on and on, is often treasured, and, when worthy, becomes a vital part of the saga of civilization and of the growth of the human mind."

A news item states that the last session of the 83rd Congress was one of the wordiest in history, certainly a record for the last five years—14,712 pages are recorded by the talkative 83rd. Much of the present day writing seems to be written rather lightly, but the words of some of our former statesman and scholars are well worth repeating. So if this be true, let us reflect on the written word of a great American.

If we in this Thanksgiving month of 1954 have any misgivings on our Na-

tional situation, we can well take note of the condition of the nation in the days of Andrew Johnson, the 17th President of the United States and take courage from his message to Congress in 1865. There was particular thanksgiving in this message to Congress at that time.

"The throngs of emigrants that crowd our shores are witnesses of the confidence of all peoples in our permanence. Here is the great land of free labor, where industry is blessed with unexampled rewards and the bread of the workingman is sweetened by the consciousness that the cause of the country is his own cause, his own safety, his own dignity'. Here everyone enjoys the free use of his faculties and the choice of the activity as a natural right.

"Here under the combined influence of a fruitful soil, genial climes, and happy institutions, population has increased fifteen-fold within a century. Here through the easy development of boundless resources, wealth has increased with two-fold greater rapidity than numbers, so that we have become secure against the financial vicissitudes of other countries and like in business and in opinion, are self-centered and truly independent.

"Here more and more care is given to provide education for everyone born on our soil. Here religion, released from political connection with civil government refuses to subserve the craft of statesmen, and becomes in its independence the spiritual life of the people. Here toleration is extended to every opinion, in the quiet certainty that truth only needs a fair field to secure victory.

"Here the human mind goes forth unshackled in the pursuit of science, to collect stores of knowledge and acquire an ever-increasing mastery over the forces of nature. Here the national domain is offered and held in millions of separate freeholds, so that our fellow-citizens, beyond the occupants of any other part of the earth, constitute in reality a people. Here exists the democratic form of government, by the confession of European statesmen, 'gives a power of which no other form is capable, because it incorporates every man with the State and arouses everything that belongs to the soul.'

"Where in past history does a parallel exist to the public happiness which is within the reach of the people of the United States? Where in any part of the globe can institutions be found so suited to their habits or so entitled to their love as their own free Constitution? Every one of them, then in whatever part of the land he has his home, must wish it perpetuity, . . .

"WHO WILL not join with me in the prayer that the Invisible Hand which has led us through clouds that

gloomed around our path will so guide us onward to a perfect restoration of fraternal affection, that we of this day may be able to transmit our great inheritance of State governments in their rights, of the general government in its whole Constitutional vigor, to our posterity, and they in theirs through countless generations."

The general condition of our members here is good. All seem to be very busy, with quite a program for the immediate future.

With all good wishes for a good holiday season to our members—everwhere. B—Seeing—U sayonara—NOW! (Sayonara is the Japanese equivalent of goodbye.)

BENJAMIN G. ROEBER, P. S.

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Brother Benjamin G. Roeber, press secretary of L. U. 323, has sent us the following Thanksgiving poem.

THANKFULNESS

"He crowns the year with His goodness,
And sendeth the dew and the rain;
He giveth His grace all sufficient
That we may endure the pain.
He sendeth the storms and the trials
To bring out the beauty divine;
Thus little by little disclosing
Rare gems of intrinsic design.
How great is His goodness and mercy,
How tender His bountiful care;
By the strength of His hand He upholdeth
And helps us our burdens to bear.
He sendeth a baptism of tears—drops
And weeping endureth the night,
But thanks to our blessed Redeemer
Joy cometh our pathway to light.
Each bush is aflame with His glory
And the hills with thankfulness ring;
All Nature rejoices with gladness
And praises the Heavenly King,
For blessings sent down from above
We, too, lift our voices in praise,
And thank our kind Father whose goodness
Is shown in myriad ways."

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

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Tragedy Comes to Des Moines Member

L. U. 347, DES MOINES, IOWA—

Nels Herring, to whom we dedicated an article a few months ago, died September 7th after a heart attack. He was born in Kirksville, Missouri and was a member of the Masons, the Moose Lodge and the Sherman I.O.O.F.

We'll sure miss you, Nels!

A great tragedy has struck another of our members. Ben E. Crawford lost his son John Lynn, age nine, to polio. He died September 6th.

It always saddens me to have to write of the death of one of our members. It's hard to think of the right things to say and of course, we all hate to think of them leaving us. Anyway, what I'm trying to say is that even if I don't write some of the things the bereaved think I should, I am thinking them and it's rather hard to write about them.

The local sent three of its members, Ted Dunagan, president, Harold Baker, business agent, and Charlie Clark, Executive Board member, to the I.B.E.W. Convention in Chicago. Their report didn't carry nearly as much impact as one small item in the write-up our daily paper gave the Convention. This concerns a resolution which "permits local unions, after investigation, to downgrade unqualified journeymen to apprenticeship at lower pay."

It goes on to say, "In such cases, unqualified journeymen also may be required to attend electrical study classes or devote more time to becoming a competent craftsman."

You know what this means, boys! The nose to the grindstone or back to school!!

Let me see, where did I put my books?

At our union meeting last night, we voted to donate our television set to the Blank Memorial Hospital for Children. We are sending it to the polio ward in hopes that it might cheer up the children a little. This dread disease has stricken so many here in Des Moines recently that we are all becoming acutely aware of it.

We also voted to see the contractors about putting on a joint party. A few years back, the contractors and the unions used to take turns throwing parties. This gave everyone a chance to get together and keep a congenial relationship going. Recently, for some reason, this practice has been abandoned and we thought it would be a good idea to revive it. Besides, what electrician doesn't like a party?

That's about all of the news, so in closing may I say: Here's to the electrician, a foolhardy guy.

Who tampers with voltage all day,
Who can work like an ox and swear like a trouper,
And be right in line for his pay.

Sometimes we work like a son of gun,
And sometimes we get all the hay,
But we are electricians and proud of our lot,
And we like to keep it that way.

DALE PIEART, P. S.

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30-Year Member Undergoes Operation

L. U. 349, MIAMI, FLA.—I would like to report the serious illness of Brother Stephens, one of our old-time members who was operated upon a week ago. Steve has been steward on the Cutler job since 1948. He is one of those old whitleather crackers—tough as they ever come and is getting along fine. He is one of those one-eyed wiremen, and so am I. When we get Steve back from his ordeal we intend to form a one-eyed club in our local union. Someday it may be so good that members might start thinking.

Speaking of Steve, he has been a member over 30 years and has answered each and every call for mechanics in case of war or emergency. He worked for many months on the small arms job in St. Louis before the war and sometime up to the finish. There was a job that I.B.E.W. members built with their own know-how and experience. Even the engineers didn't know some of the know-how.

Steve, we are pulling for you. Even though you are not a veteran and entitled to hospitalization, you have given as much as any soldier in the service except the supreme sacrifice.

At this point I would like to ask our union members in Florida why Claude Pepper, the father of national medical aid, was defeated by a young fellow with no program at all. Think it over, please.

Keep your chin up and your eyes to the south.

R. C. TINDELL, P. S.

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Near Perfect Response To Emergency Drive

L. U. 359, MIAMI, FLA.—Members of L. U. 359 on the Florida Power and Light Company properties had a near 100 per cent participation in a drive to raise funds for the March of Dimes Emergency Fund. Out of a potential 1100 members, L. U. 359 raised \$1000.00 towards this drive. On September 25, our newly elected president, Brother Vic Meier presented Mrs. Kennedy with a check for \$1000.00 (See photo). To date the number of polio cases in this area has been 219.

The rank and file of this local union along with its officers are to be congratulated on their fine showing in

Support For March of Dimes



Officers of Local 359, Miami, Fla., present a \$1,000 check from the local to the Emergency March of Dimes. From left: Mrs. Kennedy, Vice President L. A. Galt, President Vic Meier; L. J. Spring, recording secretary, and E. Stephenson, financial secretary.

this drive. All members had been asked, through their job stewards, to contribute one dollar. Practically everyone volunteered.

Brothers E. Stephenson, L. A. Galt, L. J. Spring, W. Eades, H. L. Collins and other officers and job stewards should be proud of their participation in this drive.

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the family of our late Brother Henry J. Davis, dispatcher in the Miami Beach Yard. Brother Davis died of a heart seizure last month. We will miss Henry's charming wit and smiling face around the Miami Area.

Once a year in Miami there is a character who wants to kill Santa Claus, but once each year the members of L. U. 359 restrain this character and let Santa live for at least another year. To bring this mystery to light here are the details: It seems that our chairman of the Committee on Recreation goes to the trouble of motioning that there be no Christmas party for the children of the members. His plea is that there isn't anyone to help him wrap the presents and get the hall in order. He pleads and pleads, but to no avail. We always vote in the negative in this case. During the Christmas time he works hard to get everything in order, and of course everyone has a good time including this character. His name? Why of course it's our hard-working Brother—Jake Ravitch.

JAMES J. McMAHON, P. S.

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Local 369 Loses Two Longtime Brothers

L. U. 369, LOUISVILLE, KY.—At our regular meeting in September, our membership passed two resolu-

tions on the loss of our good friends and Brothers, Loren L. Byerly and Lester DePriest. In these resolutions which were signed by H. H. Hudson, business manager, J. C. Williamson, president, and Clarence Lochner, recording secretary, the local union members paid tribute to the deceased Brothers and expressed the deep sorrow they felt in their passing. Copies of the resolutions were sent to our Brothers' families.

We wish all the members of our Brotherhood to know of our loss and our action.

H. H. HUDSON, B. M.

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Asbury Park Building Is Largest of Type

L. U. 400, ASBURY PARK, N. J.—We of Asbury Park are proud at last to have a project of sufficient size to be noted with photographs in the JOURNAL. The aerial view of the Hexagon Building shows exactly what is meant by the name hexagon. The structure will be the largest building devoted to research and development work in the country. It would amaze the average layman to envision some of the equipment that will be used in the work done here, but that's out of our department, so on with the story.

All utilities are distributed over the corridors in a space provided by a hanging ceiling from the floor above. The space is completely accessible. In this space, consisting of 16,000 linear feet, has been installed the bus-duct feeder lines, and other pipe runs.

Just about every type of lighting has been used. Charlie Van Ness, one of 400's old timers saw to it that all lighting and receptacles were installed as specified. One unusual fea-

ture in the fluorescent installations are the very obvious cord switches controlling each row of lights. This was done to provide flexibility in moving partitions to other locations.

Russ Holebrook, superintendent, has had his share of problems, along with Lou Fornarotto, Andy Anderson, George Rosse and Jim Leatham. Some very intricate and complicated work has been achieved, many problems have confronted the foremen, but their patience and tolerance outweighed them by far.

There are nine totally enclosed substations in the building, three gigantic diesel emergency generators, and the yard station, a picture of which appears with this article.

The largest number of men employed on this job by the Forest Electric Company of New York and Red Bank has been approximately 70.

The 4,500 people who will be employed here shouldn't complain of cold or heat. The structure is ventilated with filtered air supplied by 294 systems. Included are 36 air condition machines. High pressure steam from four boilers will provide heat.

Three elevators will share the burden of tired feet, 13,000 ceiling fixtures will ease eye strain and 8,011 floor type outlets should prove helpful to the "plug hunters."

There are 50 pumps of assorted h.p.; 28,570 replaceable lamps which will keep the maintenance men on their toes. We will have installed 157 power panels, 159 lighting panels, 30 watchman stations consisting of phones and annunciators, and 105 fire alarm stations which at a good guess, took or will take, 90,000 feet of wire.

Special wiring in 41 shops will electrify 10 times as much machinery and 500 people can occupy the one theater extending into the court yard as a semi-separate building.

The electrical installation statistics herein stated will permit at least a mental picture of what we of L. U. 400 are occupying our time with. We are busy, but not rushed, no overtime, but steady work pays dividends. We all appreciate this and favorably approve of the Government's decision to construct this laboratory in our jurisdiction. A few minor labor difficulties were encountered, but nothing of serious consequence.

I would like to have listed all the men in the accompanying photo, but the positions are so staggered, it would require complex methods to segregate each individual. We are united in maintaining a high degree of mechanical and electrical installations, of which I believe we can be proud. I for one like to boast of this local's abilities, and though sounding like a TV commercial, complete this article by stating—We rank with the best—and can endure any test!

RICHARD D. DEMERS, P. S.

Local 400 at Signal Corps Lab



Members of Local 400, Asbury Park, N. J., pose before an installation at the Hexagon Building which will be devoted to research and development by the Signal Corps and which is shown in the architect's sketch below.

Traverse City Local Celebrates Birthday

L. U. 498, TRAVERSE CITY, MICH.—Brothers, Local Union 498 has had another birthday. We are now more than five years young. Lots of things have happened in those few years. We have benefited ourselves in several ways and have had an increase in membership of nearly 100 members.

We are being approached about some more members also. The members at Advance power plant would like to become members of Local Union 498. At present they are members of Local 876 out of Grand Rapids.

John Gilbert attended the Convention to represent Local Union 498. He made an excellent report to the membership at the last meeting. This meeting was held at the C.I.O. hall located on the corner of Rose and Hannah Avenue in Traverse City. Our business office is there also. (The



mailing address remains the same, P.O. Box 321.)

It certainly is a step forward to get out of the environment we were in at the place we had been meeting for the last five years.

Brother Ken Raney is on the sick list with heart trouble. Brother Bernie Benton is on the list with a severe case of asthma.

Negotiations with the City of Charlevoix have resulted in an increase of 15 percent for our members in that unit.

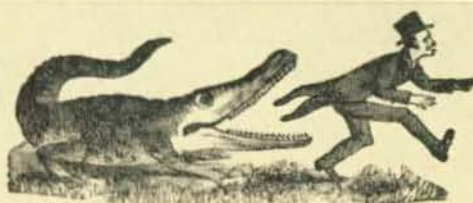
GILBERT REID, P. S.





History of Strike By Sarnia Local

L. U. 530, SARNIA, ONT.—We write this letter with a bag full of news and rather thin wallets. Local 530 has just concluded a successful and entirely legal strike after seven months of fruitless negotiation.

The final legal obstacle to the pin was removed about September first. The majority report of the Government Arbitration Board recommended a five-cent hourly increase with no retroactive pay. The Board's decision was rejected by the local and a strike vote was taken. The employers were notified by registered mail of the local's decision to take strike action. The law states that seven days must elapse between the Arbitration Board's report and the pulling of the pin. In that period our Negotiating Committee made repeated attempts to resume negotiations. They encountered indifference and open hostility.

On Tuesday, September seventh, the Executive Board met for a council of war. The Executive Board has been empowered to select the day the blow was to fall. The day was named and the roll call brought out. We had to picket 16 projects involving some 1,500 workmen. We had 100 electricians. Picket captains were selected and our pitifully small manpower was distributed to the jobs. Unless a member had formerly signaled his desire to do so, no one was appointed to picket his own job or employer. Aside from the possibil-



 The Chowder and Marching Society 
of Local Union 417, I.B.E.W., Coffeyville, Kansas, will,
even if it  RAINS  hold their annual Picnic at
Oak Crest Lodge, in Pfister Park, on September 19, 1954.
10:00 A. M. 'till the Curfew shall ring! COVERED DISH requested.

Don V. R. Drenner, Sec.

Another of the clever cards which Don V. R. Drenner, Local 417 recording secretary, whose hobby is printing, designed, printed and mailed to members.

ity of later discrimination on the part of employers, there was the undoubted fact that a strange face would be far less predictable to anyone who might get hostile. This done, a statement was prepared for the press for E-day.

A general meeting was called for Wednesday, September 8 at five p. m. A telegram from the International President giving International Office permission to our proposed action was read to the floor. The Negotiating Committee reported no results from their attempts at further negotiation. There followed the roll call, the appointment of picket captains, the assignment of groups to different jobs. A fine of 10 dollars per day for absenteeism had earlier been instituted for anyone who had entertained the idea of sitting this one out.

At seven a. m., September ninth the pin came out without incident. The other A. F. of L. trades went home. It should be noted here that the other trades had no axes to grind, having completed agreements earlier in the summer. On the second day a government conciliation officer arrived. He put the two hostile camps in separate rooms and after shuttling up and down the corridor, got the employers up to eight cents—still no back pay. The offer was turned down by vote that night. Morale was high. There was trouble in the enemy camp. Some of the projects were in desperate circumstances; everything was paralyzed.

"You can't take that bulldozer away to dig out a basement," said the picket captain to the excavating contractor, indicating his five rain-soaked pickets and their second-hand cars as if they were the forward elements of a full armored division. "This place is on strike!"

Brother Lorne Harris was picket captain on a two-million-dollar job spread over nearly five acres. He had 10 men. It is said that each morning Brother Harris put sharp stones in their shoes. The resulting discomfort made his men look so belligerent and uncompromising that the birds wouldn't even fly over his picket line.

On Wednesday, September 15, we accepted an offer of a 10-cent hourly increase. We had gained five more cents in seven days. Paid announcements on the local radio that night informed our friends of the other trades that the strike was over. We had won but it was their victory too.

I have set this story down here in the belief that it will be of interest and perhaps useful to our Brothers elsewhere, and I think too, because we are a little proud of what has been done. However, we will still believe in the I.B.E.W. tradition of hammering out an *acceptable* settlement without the pin if possible. I recall the remark of one of our men

on the line one wet morning just after we arrived. As we paced up and down in the rain waiting for the other trades and the public to come and stare at us like we were some unusual species of bird trapped in a cage, my friend voiced the undertone of pessimism of that chilly autumn morning. He applied an old saying to a new situation.

"Win, lose, or draw," said the picket, "this is one helluva way to run a railroad."

JIM McCaffrey, P. S.

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Cycle Changeover In Portland Mills

L. U. 567, PORTLAND, ME.—This month I would like to write a little on work that is being done at the Oxford Paper Company in Rumford, Maine.

There are two separate paper mills, both Oxford Paper Company Mills, about a quarter of a mile apart. Originally the town and mills were all on 40 cycles, but the town has been changed over to 60 cycles and now the main job in the mills is changing it from 40 to 60 cycles with a complete change of electrical equipment so that at no time will any part of the mill be out of production. This too, means eventual elimination of the water wheels which now run part of their machinery. Their expansion program is quite extensive as they are one of the largest manufacturers of coated papers in the United States. To augment their program, the Rumford Light and Power Company has

built a new hydro station adjacent to the mill using one of the old canals from the river as its "head" bringing the water to it through penstocks for a good quarter mile. Kenworthy and Taylor of Boston have the electrical work in the hydro station with Roy Sturgeon of Local 567 in charge.

In the two Oxford Paper Mills, E. S. Boulos of Portland, Maine, is doing the work, with Billy Mitchell of Local 567 as general foreman. All through the mill, aluminum cableways and conduit racks are being installed, along with the most modern equipment, making it not only a neat looking job but a very compact one. Our boys there are doing a fine job and should be complimented on their work.

Another job being done there is the running of cable on modern cableways hung between towers over the roofs and canals for many hundreds of yards to carry the new power cables to the various buildings and substations. Also a pole line job of three, 300,000 CM wires, "spun" between the two mills to feed the so-called "island division" with the new 60 cycle. This work was done by the James Sullivan Cable Company of Waterbury, Connecticut. The accompanying pictures show just a small part of the mill but give a general idea of the ground covered.

A lot of the fellows will remember this job well, take Roxbury Pond and Harvey and Billy and their "games." The work of the "tree surgeons," "Beau's" new station wagon, and the pleasant aroma somewhere about Dixfield on Mondays on the way up, the fishing up to Steve Reed's and the Connecticut boys at Crescent Lake.

O'Briant Receives 50-Year Pin



Walter O'Briant, 50-year-member of the IBEW, receives a congratulatory handshake from International Representative George B. Barclay, on the occasion of the awarding to him by Local 583 of a 50-year pin. Looking on, left to right: W. E. Yager, president and Joe W. Roberts, bus. mgr., Local 583.

Projects Underway By Portland Local



In the jurisdiction of Local 567, Portland, Me., is this new hydro station, seen at left from the main steam plant with the island division in the background. At right the cableway is shown starting out from the main steam plant.



The E. S. Boulous crew of Local 567: (left to right, front row) "Beau" Beauchesne, Johnny Mahoney, foreman; Billy Mitchell, general foreman; Dick Woodhead, Larry Groleau, Bob Crockett, Pete Hoyt, Louis Steele, foreman, and Sammy St. Cyr. (Second row) Roger Levesque; Billy Shaw; Ed Woodhead, Frank Haskell, Joe Foley, Leo Gastonquay, and Leo Foley.



The James Sullivan cable crew: (left to right, front row) Bill Anderson, Local 567; Tom Lapke, Local 565, foreman; Ty Tyler, Local 764. (Second row) Frank Moran, Local 660; Jim Devine, Local 567; Sid Brownell, Local 104; George McGrath, Local 420; Tommy Lapke 565. (Rear) Earl Zinck.

It was a good summer in Rumford, wasn't it?

Many of the boys have asked about Lee Place. Lee's getting along swell but could be there a lot longer. Let's cheer him up, drop him a card (address, Greenwood Mountain, Maine). He sure would appreciate it and so would I.

WILLIAM H. ANDERSON, P. S.

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50-Year Pin Presented To Brother W. O'Briant

L. U. 583, EL PASO, TEXAS.—Enclosed please find pictures taken at the presentation of a 50-year pin to our oldest member, Walter (Skeets) O'Briant, who deposited his traveler in Local Union 583 October 16, 1907. Brother O'Briant was visibly moved by the reception and the presenting of the pin. He expressed the hope that all the members of the I.B.E.W. would some day have the same honor bestowed upon them.

The meeting opened and the gavel was immediately turned over by Local Union president William E. Yager, to International Representative George B. Barclay who had been assigned by the International Office to represent our International. He read the letter written by President Scott Milne to Brother O'Briant and presented the 50-year pin. At the completion of the reading of the letter from our President and Secretary, Brother O'Briant was so deeply moved that there were very few words he could say.

The record attendance had the honor of having at the meeting George F. Webber, A.F. of L. organizer, who stated in his talk that it was on such rocks that the A.F. of L. was founded. Also present were Carl Knight, C.L.U. secretary, and Clyde Lunsford, one of our largest contractors, a veteran member of L.U.

583 and an old friend of Brother O'Briant. Also present was Jimmie DesAutels, a friend of long standing of Brother O'Briant and now retired. All praised Brother O'Briant and recalled various union experiences.

Brother George Barclay noted that union members in earlier days joined because of ideals and beliefs involved and that returns in those early days for membership were practically nil. "What kind of organization," Brother Barclay stated, "could we build today if all our members had the same ideals."

Our hopes on this occasion are that many members of Local Union 583 and other locals of the I.B.E.W. will have the same honor bestowed upon them as Brother O'Briant.

JOE ROBERTS, B. M.

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Take Case to Council; Gain 12½c Increase

L. U. 584, TULSA, OKLA.—At the time of this printing we shall probably be drawing \$3.12½ per hour after a wage increase of 12½ cents for journeyman wiremen. Our negotiations were a little late this year and deadlocked all the way, although we were finally offered 10 cents and finish all the old work. We decided to lose two months and go to the Council. Brother George Shaull must have really pleaded a good case as 12½ cents is really better than we expected after going to the Council.

The power plant here is starting an expansion job that has been rumored to last anywhere from three to five years. Not a boom by any means but just an example of how fast electrical consumption is growing. The power company reports their lead increased 23 per cent this year largely due to air conditioning.

I see from the Bureau of Apprenticeship where their records show that an electrical apprentice can make more money for the time put into the trade than any other except an accountant. This includes doctors and lawyers.

Sorry no pictures this month. I took a run to Pryor last week to cover the John Deere plant. Ignorant as I was I soon found I would have to have a pass to get into the plant so I am too late for pictures this month.

BOB DOOLEY, P. S.

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Hear Reports of State Convention

L. U. 595, OAKLAND, CALIF.—At the last regular meeting of our local we received the reports of delegates to the state convention at Santa Barbara. The reports were well re-

In Oakland



"Three wire jerks in the rough, on an outing at Coyote Lake—Ray Richardson, Dan Ryan and your press secretary, Bill Hurtado," reads the caption on this photo from Local 595.

ceived and the delegates applauded, the convention apparently went off as scheduled.

We wish to mention the serious illness and surgery suffered by our longtime friend and Brother, "Stew" Woolsey and trust that by the time this appears in print he will again be his old smiling, cheerful self. I know I am expressing the sentiment of a host of friends and Brothers. We have often heard it said of Brother Woolsey, "You may not agree with him but you can't help liking the guy." We might add, "that's putting it mildly!"

It seems that our Convention in Chicago was the biggest in history and that there were three very hot days—that is about all the real news we have to date. Apparently it went as scheduled also.

We only hear the word, "filibuster" in connection with Congress these days, history is such interesting reading—but who could believe it, living

in these "decorous Progressive Times."

It seems that the "Do it yourself" area is making itself felt and it is like two mythical forces meeting in collision. It will be interesting to watch the *immovable object* shaken off its foundation and the irresistible force shattered into many little primitive pushes.—Warning Brothers, Don't help that friend, "Do it Yourself," and by all means, don't do it yourself.

There isn't too much to report here but let's face it, we just aren't industrious, though we deny being lazy. Ho, hum, So long for this time.

WILLIAM O. (BILL) HURTADO, P. S.

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Big Texas Refinery Job Nearing Completion

L. U. 602, AMARILLO, TEX.—One of the largest jobs to take place in the Texas Panhandle at this time, is the 20-million dollar Texas Company Refinery. Now in the winding-up stage, this job has had 55 workmen on it for about 14 months. In the peak of construction, it had 850 men of all crafts. About 55 of these were wiremen. This is for M. W. Kellogg Company, general contractor. We have seven more electrical contractors on the same job site. They are; Lively Construction Company, Arrow Electric, Pitt Electric, Brian Electric, Crain Electric, Broome Construction Company and Duke Electric. These contractors have 35 wiremen and linemen.

Our work situation is holding up above expectations. We have all our men working and a few travelers. Our utility company, Southwestern Public Service Company, is completing additions to Riverview and Moore

Big Panhandle Job



IBEW Wiremen at outset of Kellogg job.

County Plant. The Moore County Plant job was a new 50,000 KW Steam Turbine. It was the new, open air design.

We have a few good jobs coming up in the near future.

PRESS SECRETARY

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Work In Contract Field Reported Up

L. U. 605, JACKSON, MISS.—On July 31, 1954, born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hayman of Route 3, Mendenhall, Mississippi a bouncing baby boy. His name is Danny Ray, weight was 7 pounds, 11 ounces on arrival. However he now weighs 13 pounds. Brother Hayman is employed by the contractors, has been in our local several years and is a very popular member. So we say hearty congratulations and best wishes to you and yours, Brother.

At our regular meeting September 3, we elected delegates to the State Federation of Labor Convention, to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi October 4, 5, 6 and they were T. M. Hitt, J. W. Spears and J. W. Shorter. And then at the next regular meeting Brother Shorter was appointed to serve at the State Electrical Workers Convention October 3, in the same location as above. We congratulate these fine young Brothers and feel sure that they will serve us well.

At our last regular meeting the delegates to the International Convention whose names have already appeared in "Local Lines," made some very enthusiastic reports. The high spots were the Convention approval of the six-hour day, and the high speed Streamliner which Brother Grace rode across Big Black Swamp. It seems as though he might have needed a saddle.

Brother B. R. Peden had an encounter with his doctor recently, although we are happy to see him back on the job apparently just as good as new. Best wishes for your continued good health, Brother Peden.

Brother S. L. Boothe has been off the job with a toe injury for a few weeks and we are told that he is improving. So we hope to see you back on the job soon too, Brother Boothe.

Work is improving some in the contract field and prospects are better for the future. We have had two crews on distribution work for several weeks. They were on a temporary basis and finished their work assignments. We now have two crews on T. V. Cable in Greenville and anticipate more in Vicksburg and Natchez. We have a small Hi-Line spread at Tylertown, Mississippi, where R. H. Bouligny, Inc., is building 48 miles of 161 K. V. H-Frame,

In Jackson



This unidentified Shelby, Mississippi Miss obliged the photographer while she gathered flowers near a line crew job assignment.

Mississippi Capitol



The Capitol of Mississippi, with New State Office Building in background.

wood pole line from the Louisiana State Line near Tylertown, Mississippi to Silver Creek, Mississippi. W. C. Bandy of L. U. 485 is superintendent and Floyd Welch of 605 is shop steward. There are three crews and no additional workmen are needed presently. This job seems to be getting off to a smooth start.

J. W. RUSSELL, P. S.

Local 611 Helps Make Apprentice Program News

L. U. 611, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—I. B. E. W. Local Union No. 611 and the Central New Mexico chapter of N. E. C. A., through their joint apprenticeship committee; recently held the Ninth Annual Completion for graduating apprentices. The committee has been consistently instrumental in paying tribute to these young men for the satisfactory performance of their work on the job and their diligence in related training. Each apprentice completing the course received state and NECA certificate of completion. The graduating apprentices are as follows:

Emil Rowen, Patrick Krebs, Harold Paschke, L. R. Fogleman, William Hand, Eustacio Padilla, E. L. Gonzales, Edward Chang, P. V. Dwinelle, Delmo Carney, Herbert Hilgers, Donald Murphy, W. E. Goodman, R. R. Paschall, George Olds, Ralph Frindt, Melvin Foley and Miguel Gutierrez.

Short addresses were made by guests who have been exceptionally consistent in furthering the interest in apprenticeship. Those speaking to the apprentices and the assembled audience were Mr. Elmer Zemke, business manager for local union No. 611 IBEW, Mr. W. A. Chauvin, Chauvin Electric Company, Mr. Tom Mannon, personnel director, Zia Company, Mr. K. L. Conwell, K. L. Conwell Electric Company, Mr. E. O. Weatherford, president local union No. 611, IBEW, Mr. Clifford Clark, assistant business manager local 611 IBEW, secretary of Jac Colonel John G. White, executive secretary Central New Mexico Chapter NECA, Mr. Lester Hitchens, vocational education director, Albuquerque Schools, Mr. Alva Coats, members State Apprenticeship Council, Mr. Fred Hohmann, United States Department of Labor and Mr. W. E. Roberts, secretary-treasurer, New Mexico State Federation of Labor.

There were approximately 125 friends and relatives of the graduates in the audience. At the conclusion of the ceremony, refreshments were served.

WILLIAM GRAY, Acting Secretary

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Atlanta Member Discusses Safety

L. U. 613, ATLANTA, GA.—If the elevator in the Andrew Jackson Hotel down at Mobile had happened to stall that day last March when Mr. Milne asked if we were interested in safety, maybe Ernest Collier and I would have had time to answer him somewhat like this:

We didn't resent it because you used a paragraph from one of our letters for that safety bulletin captioned, "It Actually Happened." As Jimmy Durante would say, "We got a million of 'em." Maybe not a million, but enough to supply safety Bulletins for a monthly magazine. If you prefer them current, we give you the case of Brother Henry McIntire, in the hospital now from terrible burns received in a switchboard fire on a job at Rome, Georgia. Our Rome business manager, Bob Shadix, hopes we can use that one to start a drive to sell the construction industry on the idea of inaugurating a safety program comparable to the one which saved hundreds of lives for the Georgia Power Company.

That note you appended to Local Union 84's letter in the September JOURNAL, we know was greatly appreciated by all Georgia Power Company men. Sub-station operating is a hazardous business and a number of older Atlanta operators have burn scars to prove it. Now, about 50 Atlanta Division operators report a record of 1,797,923 man hours accumulated during the last 15 years, without a lost time accident. That record is no accident. It is the result of engineered safety planned by men who study the causes of accidents and devise means of preventing them. Get Fred Grimes to tell you about the 15 years before the Safety Program was launched.

I served my apprenticeship in substation construction, operated every substation in Atlanta during the next 10 years, so I know something of how their safety program works. All crews have weekly safety meetings and they are reported on standard forms to the Safety Department. All accidents are investigated by an unbiased committee. A detailed, illustrated report of their findings is sent to all employees. Penalties for carelessness are severe. A pole fell, killing a lineman while his foreman was miles away . . . the foreman was

busted. A new apprentice climbed on top of an energized transformer and was electrocuted. The shift operator was upstairs, reading meters. The investigating committee did not doubt that he had told the boy the transformer was hot. They ruled the operator should not have left the apprentice alone at all. The operator was demoted, resigned soon after. We used to keep that substation scrupulously clean, but a spot of seared blood from that boy's body was left on the floor for a long time. A grim reminder. I remember we operators resented the treatment our friend got. Another operator quit the business some time later and started selling tombstones. He hasn't had an electrocuted operator for a customer yet. We don't resent that.

Slabs of concrete roof decking fell, killing three of our members, badly injured another. A trained safety engineer may have prevented that terrible loss. His cost would have been far less than the amount the families of those men collected.

In the construction industry, facts concerning accidents are not always publicized. I lost the skin off my face and arms in an explosion on a construction job, suffered third degree burns, never did learn what it was that exploded. Insurance companies seem to take over and try to conceal the evidence, unless they can prove negligence on the part of the injured.

State compensation laws, in a way, contribute to accidents. They are bought and paid for in advance. Insurance premiums are expensive. The employer often feels he has done his duty by paying those premiums. Benefits are never adequate to compensate the injured. Claims are often bitterly contested by the insuring companies. Lawyers reap the benefits. Money spent to pay for accidents should be used to prevent them. "Uncle George" has shown us the way.

Some supervisory personnel need educating to safety. An Atlanta job

superintendent said if he caught two men carrying a length of three-inch conduit he would fire both of them. A foreman told a journeyman, "Get that conduit up that wall if you have to hang by your teeth." Even as was Cassius with his lean and hungry look, "Such men are dangerous." But unlike Cassius, they don't think too much. Not about safety, anyhow.

I don't mean to say men who run the construction industry are callous, indifferent to pain and death. I saw a general manager break down and cry beside the coffin of one of his men. I just don't believe what always has been, necessarily always shall be. Proper safety programs will have to originate from boards of directors' meetings. Tombstones and busted bones can't very well be exhibited before plush chairs and mahogany desks. Puddles of blood and flapping skin never appear at the home office. Dollars and cents will be the determining factor. Safety is cheaper. Statistics are available. Who will present them?

Yes, Mr. Milne, Ernest Collier and a million construction men are interested in safety. We will work at it and help pay for it.

Our indefatigable President "Red" Wise, reporting on the Chicago convention, emphasized that resolution condemning the use of powder-actuated tools. We had a very fortunate accident with one of those recently. The ricocheting projectile missed the young electrician's eye. Merely left his cheek badly scarred.

O. B. CRENSHAW, P. S.

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Hot Springs Local 619 Elects Officers

L. U. 619, HOT SPRINGS, ARK.—I suppose a man never knows just what he can do until he tries. I had thought that my journalistic traits had been deeply buried under the years of time, but suppose that I can arouse them sufficiently to let all our Brothers know what is going on in one of the greatest little cities in the United States, Hot Springs, Arkansas. I realize that our journalistic endeavor has certainly been lax in the past, but we hope to compensate for that in the future by keeping our Brothers up to date concerning our welfare.

Some of you don't know that we have been operating under the supervision of the International Office, being very capably managed by our International Representative R. L. Webb. Let me pause here long enough to give credit where credit is due. In behalf of the entire membership of Local Union 619, we will forever be deeply grateful to Brother Webb for his untiring efforts in guid-

Local 611 Apprentices



Graduating apprentices and their instructors of Local 611.

ing us back to the realities of our just duty. Even though we welcomed his help during our restoration period, there is nothing like standing on your own two feet, "so to speak" and I am extremely happy to announce that at our regular meeting on September 16, 1954 we were again permitted to return to our own steam. Our future looks very bright as the power to motivate our local will be furnished by the following Officers:

President Virgil Grant, Vice President Glenn Melson, Recording Secretary Tom Meggers, Treasurer Homer D. Smith, Business Manager and Financial Secretary, John L. Keith. Executive Board: Fred Smith, Harold Jordan, R. L. Miller, Isaac Fowler, C. W. Melson, Leo Martin and Andrew Trussell. Examining Board: Louie Spencer, W. R. Duren, E. L. Terry, Fred Mowrey and Tom Meggers.

With officers like these we cannot help but go forward.

The work situation here is not too good. About two thirds of our members have had to go elsewhere to find work but it may improve a little later. At least we hope so. We would like to thank all the other local unions in whose jurisdiction our men are working. We certainly appreciate it.

I will try to keep up with the news from now on and if any of the Brothers are down this way look us up. Our office is at 314½ Third Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

"PHIL" BLEDSOE, P. S.

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New Scribe for Roanoke Local 637

L. U. 637, ROANOKE, VA.—It may seem that Local Union 637 is out of the limelight as far as news is concerned. The lack of news from this local is due to the change in press secretaries. Our former press secretary resigned to assume other activities. Having been appointed to this job of getting out the news, I do hope that I will not let the Brothers down.

Now that the election of officers is over and the summer activities are about completed, we are about to begin our winter program.

Speaking about our winter program, I can see no better place for one's activities than our union meetings. You expect your officers to be at the meetings, so why not make it a point to be there and help them conduct these meetings.

We deeply mourn the untimely passing of our deceased Brother J. W. Bailey, better known as "Bill Bailey." Brother Bailey, who was the former Business Manager of Local Union 637, was stricken with a heart attack while working on the job at the American Viscose Plant, Roanoke, Virginia, August 3, 1954. Brother

Bailey had been working away from this jurisdiction for about two years and had returned to Roanoke a short time before his passing.

We have several Brothers on the sick list and we all wish them a speedy recovery and hope they will be back in our midst shortly.

We have several jobs that are about to wind up before too long. Contracts are now being let for the job so long talked about, the New General Electric Company's plant.

This plant is to be located on a site between Roanoke and Salem, Virginia. When completed this plant will employ approximately 2,500 employees. It is designed for the manufacture of electrical switching gear. The construction work is estimated at or about one year.

Work in general in this jurisdiction is not gaining very much momentum, but we do hope some new work will break before very long and we will be able to keep our local Brothers employed at home.

As for the forthcoming election of Congressmen from the Sixth District of Virginia, our committee for Labor's League for Political Education is working hard for the election of Candidate Ernest Robertson of Salem, Virginia, who has come all out as being fair to organized labor. Mr. Robertson's record as a delegate to the House of Representatives of Virginia, shows he is fair to organized labor and deserves our support.

This concludes the news for this issue.

HARRY F. ZOLL, P. S.

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Family Type Club Forms At Local 639

L. U. 639, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF.—Within our local has sprung up, in the past few weeks, a new order—the Fishheads. Yeah, I said Fishheads. Initiation fee, two bits. Dues—zero. Assessments? Main purpose as I interpret it is to mingle. In other words, bring the wives, offsprings, near and distant relatives together. They do this by getting together on most any whim—fishing, golfing, hunting, or what have you.

That they are enjoying some measure of success is evident by the fact that next weekend an outing is planned for Atascadero Lake at which members of Local 428, Bakersfield are challenged to a golf match.

To the best of my knowledge, BOB CONN, (please spell his name with capital letters—he is my foreman at present) is the instigator. Am saving up my spare change and hope to have enough saved by November to join this group.

In my last letter I tacked a few tags on various members, but one

Dick Davis, who should have come out TEACH, came out LEACH. Now my way of writing certainly clears the editor from fault, but leaves my face red. However, I would like to say at this time that Local 639 has no leaches, least of all Dick.

Just ran across some notes on a proposed letter, which for the life of me, I cannot recall whether or not were used. One concerned the bickering which goes on between crafts on who is to do what and where. Fully realizing the importance of protecting such rights, I still feel all concerned should get together and iron out this problem as fully as possible, in an attempt to keep such grievances from coming before the general public, which as a rule does not appreciate the importance of such matters and sympathizes with neither side. Rather they regard it as brother against brother, which in a sense is true. If one must forever keep his gun trained on a brother, who is to rout the enemy?

I found another note to the effect that we are making a bid for a small boost in pay in which success to a degree is assured with the full amount asked for, more or less assured on a two year contract. Sell this to 639? Well, your guess is as good as mine.

I realize the Convention news will be fully aired, but must say this. Our man, Brother Adams, was much impressed with the social end, and thinks Chicago has set a high which will be hard to beat. He also speaks highly of our Canadian Brothers, as well as various speeches made. His report on general business I will get at our next meeting and by the time this reaches you, all will have heard it. Must have been the best by far.

The plant at Morro Bay is rolling well. Towers are sprouting on the hills, miles of wire crawl into its burrow of transit, a steady stream of trucks flow in leaving the arteries of a giant of power.

I am particularly impressed with the stress on safety. You see and hear it all the time, still we have accidents. A large section of tank peeled off just recently injuring eight, one of whom has died. A man had his foot crushed, another was killed by a falling section of pipe. A bit of foresight or perhaps a moment of caution before some move may have prevented these accidents. Every man should at all times have not only his own safety in mind, but that of his fellow worker as well. Few are ever asked to risk safety and the privilege is his to refuse.

With the coming of winter, nature adds extra hazards, numb hands, a sheet of ice, even the life-giving rains add to them and many others. If you live your life span with but one accident, your record is still poor if the fault was your own.

Many an outside brother works with us now, and through the added activity, our local, as is usually the case, is top heavy. Normal business would support but a small percentage. It troubles a man a bit, but in my own particular case, the many new friends I have made is salve to the sore even unto the healing.

ROCKY HUFF, P. S.

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Retirement Announced For North Bend Man

L. U. 659, MEDFORD, OREGON.—It is with mixed feelings that I take up my pen to write of some one having retired, for, to me the very word is somewhat bewildering. Let us pause for a moment to analyze it: we have the prefix "re" meaning again, over again or backward, which is placed before the word "tired" which means fatigued or wearied. The net result of this is not a word meaning "again fatigued," but one meaning to withdraw from a public life to a private one. This, dear people, is but a very minor example of the complexities of that great institution known as the English language. It seems to be our particular brand of genius that even the language gives birth to a host of supporting occupations, all of which help maintain our standard of living.

Stop and think of it for a moment, if you will. Should the English language suddenly become so simplified that even I should understand it, just imagine the countless etymologists, professors and just plain teachers who would be left jobless; and that would be only the beginning. Think of the tragic results to the pulp-paper industry and to the dictionary publishing business; why it would even be felt in the transportation field, and no doubt the Postal Department would be forced to lay off several thousands of clerks. Undoubtedly, a major depression would result.

Hail to thee blyth language!

However, what I started out to say was that over here in North Bend another of the old timers has retired. Loyd Cutlip, "the Skipper," has just faded from this workaday world to what our Uncle Sam calls a life of ease, due all of us at 65. For years the "Skipper" as a Master Mate and Pilot operated the tug "Brewer," when it was company-owned, towing fuel barges between mills and the plant, and when the company sold the tug, "Skipper" joined the plant maintenance crew where his long years of experience served him well. At the time of retirement, "the Skipper" was maintenance foreman.

Brother Cutlip was a product of an era fast fading into the land of legend, an era before rail and highway transportation had invaded this

rather inaccessible area. It was an era when ferries crossed the bay and river boats delivered groceries, mail, and picked up the milk. Water formed the only practical transportation. It was an era before modern techniques had transformed lumbering and logging to its present mechanized efficiency. It was the day of the master wooden boat builder, of the Finnish and Swede craftsman who made Coos Bay famed afar for its boats. Many are the tales "the Skipper" could tell of those days; Yes, "Skipper," we miss you here at the North Bend Plant.

Now that all the Convention delegates are safely home, we can turn to this business of politics. Out here in rock ribbed Republican Oregon, we are witnessing quite a lively tussel between incumbent Senator Guy Cordon, a Republican stalwart, conservative, party liner, and youthful liberal Democrat Dick Neuberger. Neuberger is at present a state Senator and an author of some note, and he is presenting the first serious challenger to an Oregon Republican for a Senate seat in many a year (although there are those who testify that Senator Morse is a Democrat). It will be interesting to watch the outcome of this election between such clearly drawn policies and differing personalities.

L. J. WAY, P. S.

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Shipyard Skipper Praises IBEW Members

L. U. 664, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Just a few words on the IBEW Convention. Your delegates were President C. Nestler, Business Manager J. F. West, Brothers Maury Bell, Johnny Brandon, Nat Doctors, and Tom Johnson. In the accompanying picture, your delegates are shown relaxing at the Chicago stockyards. (From their smiles, it appears that the wind from the stockyards has died down.) The Convention report was made at the September meeting, on the evening when Hurricane Edna arrived. Too bad! Because many members stayed home to keep dry and prepare for the storm. They missed an interesting report made by Brothers Bell, Brandon, Doctors, and Nestler. Business Manager West had to leave the meeting to fly to the Metal Trades Department Convention in Los Angeles. He made the last plane out of New York before the hurricane. That same evening, we welcomed back from long illnesses, Brothers Korenyi and Koster; and we approved Teddy Ruth's application for retirement. Teddy, for many years, maintained the yard's welding machines, and for the past few years was in building construction. Best of luck, Ted!

Annual Outing



Local 664's members with business manager of Local 501 at annual outing. Left to right: M. Lerfkowitz, S. Carbone, R. Gibbs, W. Patterson, C. Carole and M. Bell.



Local 664's delegates to IBEW Convention. In rear seat: West, Brandon. Middle seat: Doctors, Johnson, and in driver's seat: Nestler, Bell.

With this article are some pictures taken at L. U. 501's annual picnic and outing, where a number of 664 members joined in the fun.

At a special meeting on September 24, RADM Cowdrey, our Shipyard Commander, joined in honoring Congressman Francis Dorn for his substantial share in having assigned to our yard, sufficient work-load to avoid further lay-offs and to maintain a fairly high-level working force. In his talk, RADM Cowdrey referred to us as his fellow team-mates, who share in the credit for the assignment of more work. Congressman Dorn joined with the Admiral in giving credit to the men of the shipyard, whose cost-consciousness and cooperation helped attract new work from our "satisfied customers." Congressman Dorn noted that our local's requests have always been reasonable and we have cooperated with him in our successful efforts for more work. Brother Nestler called on Joe Perry, chairman of our Work Committee, to share in the honor of presenting a scroll of appreciation to the Congress-

man. Afterwards, Congressman Dorn and RADM Cowdrey joined the members in some light refreshments.

To borrow from the Admiral's remarks; we are all on the team! Even though you can't run with the ball, you can help. If you are not playing on the ball-field, let's hear you root for the team! Come to meetings and help call the signals!

(Aside to anyone who noticed an error or two in our article in the August-September JOURNAL—they were typographical, not intentional.)

N. DOCTORS, P. S.

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Broadcast Engineers Hold School For Members

L. U. 715, MILWAUKEE, WIS.—To meet the need for advanced technical knowledge required by the advent of highly complicated "color television," the Wisconsin Broadcast Engineers, Local Union No. 715, IBEW, comprising the engineers in radio and television stations in south-eastern Wisconsin, including Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha, are conducting a school for members.

To this end they have engaged the services of Dr. John E. Jacobs as lecturer. Dr. Jacobs is the manager of the Advanced Development Laboratory at the X-Ray Department of the General Electric Company. He is also a member of the staff of the Northwestern University Graduate School at Evanston, Illinois, and teaches a television engineering course there.

With more than 90 members enrolled in this course, Local 715 has an ambitious program running one day each week for 36 weeks. To enable men working at many different hours to attend, each lecture is being presented first in the morning, and then the same lecture is repeated in the evening.

JAMES A. WILKERSON, Pres.

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Local 760 Reports On New TVA Plan

L. U. 760, KNOXVILLE, TENN.—Hello, Brothers and Sisters of the I.B.E.W. It has been a while since you have heard from Knoxville, Tennessee, Local 760. We have not been entirely asleep as we are building the largest power plant (Steam) on the Tennessee Valley Authority system, and I am informed it is the largest steam plant in the U.S.A.

Our apprentice program has started to function again after the summer holidays. Approximately 120 are enrolled in classes. We conduct classes in our own hall, with classrooms and laboratory as well as poles erected for the training of linemen apprentices.

Local 760 Delegation



Local 760's delegation to the 1954 IBEW Convention. Left to right, front row: W. E. Manning, C. H. Garrett, president; Paris S. Cox, Aubrey D. Dacus and J. L. Watson. Second row, left to right: G. H. McKissick, Roy A. Atchley, Joe R. Carnes, Roy E. Baker, C. B. Ward and J. D. Porter. Standing, left to right: L. F. Manning, vice president; W. R. Garner, J. K. Nichols, business manager; H. S. Campbell, Joe Passmore, assistant business manager; T. W. Newcomb, F. R. Scalf, F. J. Carnes and H. F. Grovenstein.

Brother James Heath, Jr., was selected as our outstanding apprentice to attend the Sixth Annual Southern States Apprenticeship Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, September 9, 10, and 11. He was given an award as an outstanding apprentice at this conference, in which the following states participated: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

The Delegates to the Twenty-fifth Convention of the I.B.E.W., held in Chicago, August 30 through September 4, 1954, wish to express their most heartfelt thanks to the International Officers and the committee on arrangements at the Convention, for all the courtesies shown them at the convention and especially to members of Locals 134 and 1031. Brothers Joseph D. Keenan, Thomas E. Slattery and Frank E. Doyle were very helpful in making arrangements that made our visit to Chicago more enjoyable. THANKS BROTHERS!

I will try to give you a little news from Tennessee each month hereafter and will not try to hog all the space this time.

So, Signing off for now.

PARIS S. COX, P. S.

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Employment Decline Reported From Ontario

L. U. 804, KITCHENER, ONTARIO.—Local 804 takes in the counties of

Waterloo, Perth and Wellington, Ontario.

I have the most unpleasant report to make since my appointment as press secretary, and that is the death of one of our members, Brother Ronald Theobald who was initiated into our local on June 18th, 1948, and died on September 19th, 1954. Brother Theobald was a very active member of our local and has acted as a delegate to our Building Trades Council. We of Local 804 extend our deepest sympathy to Ron's wife and family.

Brother Antoniuk, our delegate to the I.O. convention, gave a very impressive report upon his return and I think we can be proud to belong to an organization that conducted the largest labor convention in the world. The I.B.E.W. does not have the largest membership, but through our Constitution allows more membership activity through a larger number of delegates.

I have mentioned in past reports the joint jurisdiction of Local 804 and 105 of Hamilton, over a large electrical installation for General Electric in Guelph. This job is now complete and accompanied with this report is a picture of the construction crew in the closing month of the job. If there was any doubt of any friction between Local 804 and 105 over this joint jurisdiction, there certainly is none now. Business Manager Cecil Dibble of 105 has been commended by every member of 804 who worked

Complete Ontario Plant



Front row, seated, left to right: G. Patterson, L. Eggar, G. Noblett, J. Weiler, G. Ross, S. Thorpe, K. Somerville, R. Montgomery, G. Almas, J. Murphy, K. Creed, L. R. Warzee, A. Lichter, Tonino Flaminio, R. Flaminio. Second row, kneeling, left to right: F. Braun, W. Shade, M. O'Connor, R. Wilson, A. Gillies, M. Schmidt, J. Walker, J. Jolliffe, S. Sykes, W. Brownell, P. Henderson, R. Morrow, S. Murray, J. Swire. Rear standing, left to right: Tony Sardo, J. Wallace, N. Brown, G. Ings, D. Burdick, P. Wieszley, P. Cobb, R. Robinson, C. Oarlaht, D. Rummey, G. Tonin, G. Mantueffel, K. Furler, L. Baker, J. McShane, V. Lindberg, M. Hill, W. Johnston, W. Robb, W. (Mit) Johnston, J. Kennedy, and N. McEachern.

there, for his efficient and fair manner of policing this job. We only wish we had more comparable jobs coming in the future.

Employment had dropped off to some extent and at the time of this writing we have eight or 10 members out of work. Brother Fraser, our business manager, requests closer co-operation from members who are unemployed. All members are requested to report any change in their employment status, promptly to the business office. It is also contrary to our by-laws for members to change their place of employment without the consent of the business manager. Please cooperate Brothers and you will benefit.

In conclusion, the fine reception and aid of our membership, with regard to our full-time business manager, has been outstanding. Brother

Fraser now has his feet wet, and has secured the confidence of both members and employer alike. This proves an old adage "What is good for the electrical worker is good for the electrical contractor." Together we have made many improvements, and together we can make many more!

CHARLES ANDERSON, P. S.

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Housing Project May Relieve Unemployment

L. U. 840, GENEVA, N. Y.—Work remains on the decline for Local 840. A housing project at Sampson Air Base has been approved by the Secretary of the Air Force. This should provide some work for us within the next year. Also, there are some area school jobs opening up.

Our business manager, Charles Theise, enjoyed the International Convention at Chicago.

There have been some complaints brought to the attention of the Executive Board about out-of-town men breaking rules and conditions in our territory. All have been taken care of satisfactorily.

Congratulations to the Carl Culvers on their new son. We heard the inside story too. His oldest daughter asked if the baby was sent down from heaven. "Yes," Carl replied.

"They like to have it nice and quiet up there, don't they?" she answered.

With not much new happening around here this time, I'm at a loss for news, so I'll leave you with a thought 'til next time. "The Door of Success is Labeled Push."

LEE R. BLAKE, P. S.

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Mourn Passing of Janesville Bro. Greer

L. U. 890, JANESVILLE, WIS.—It has been quite some time since I have written a column for the JOURNAL.

We are happy to know we have such a capable man, Joseph Keenan, as our International Secretary. We wish to congratulate you, Brother Keenan, on your new position and know you will serve it honorably. May you have all the blessings of the I.B.E.W.

Local 890 received the sorrowful news of the passing away of Brother Gordon A. Greer of Phoenix, Arizona, and extends its deepest sympathy to his family. Brother Greer was born September 15, 1905 in Valparaiso, Indiana. He was graduated from Beloit High School in 1922. He married the former Sylvia Allen, of South Beloit, Illinois.

Brother Greer worked for the DuPont Electric Company in Beloit, Wis-

At Picnic in Janesville, Wisc.



Members of Local 890, Janesville, Wisc., gather with their guests around the refreshment table prepared by Brother and Mrs. Ken Richards for their annual picnic. Bro. C. L. Carroll officiated the games and races.

consin. In 1950 he sold the concern to Brother Clark Ackley, who had been an associate for many years.

Survivors of Brother Greer include his widow, a daughter, Mrs. John Block, Phoenix, a son, Tom, in the army at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Greer, a sister, Mrs. A. R. Edgerton, Beloit, and three grandchildren. Services were held in Phoenix, Arizona.

Brother Gordon A. Greer was a soft-spoken man who will be missed by the many who knew him. May his soul rest in peace.

Once again Local 890 held an annual picnic. It was a lovely day and the turnout was great. There was plenty of food, and games and prizes for the youngsters. Brother C. L. Carroll officiated the games and races.

Brother Max Carroll took the youngsters for an all afternoon session of rides in his cruiser. Many thanks to him for his thoughtfulness and generosity.

Brother Ken Richards and his wife are to be commended for the success of the picnic. They spent much time and care in preparing all of the food which was enjoyed by everyone present.

Work for Local 890, which has been plentiful is now leveling off. However, all members are working at present.

Until next time, I wish you and your staff the best Thanksgiving ever.

C. J. BONOMO, P. S.

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Gulf of Mexico Fishing Attracts Many Members

L. U. 903, GULFPORT, MISS.—In a recent inventory of the members of Local 903 in making up a deep-sea-fishing party I found that several of our members spend their overtime days such as Saturdays, Sundays and holidays out on the streams or in the Gulf of Mexico and the Mississippi

Fishing Plans



Brother J. O. Bilbo, Local 903 Business Manager, and Brother W. H. Joiner talk over a trip in the former's new outfit, behind the two.

A Fine Gulf Catch



Showing off a nice catch of mackerel are, left to right: Bob Robinson, Ted Pitman, Bob Johnson, Cleve Robinson and Mr. Moody.



Center: Brother George Muller, Business Manager, Local 130, New Orleans; District vice president G. X. Barker right and Mrs. Gordon, wife of Assistant Business Manager of Local 505, Mobile, Ala.

Sound trying to entice some poor fish to bite on a baited hook or even fool them on artificial lures.

At times they even bring in the fish to prove their stories. On the fifth of July after participating in the sixth annual fishing rodeo for four days, it happened that Brother J. O. Bilbo, Brother Bob Robinson and Brother Glen Holdeman couldn't stand it any longer seeing all the fish brought in, they chartered my boat "Pat Edna," and made a day of it and they really caught the fish.

Fellows give your boss a good weeks work then forget the work for two days and enjoy a nice fishing trip.

On July 17 the members of Local 903 I. B. E. W., Gulfport, Mississippi had a grand time entertaining members of their families and invited

guests. There were some 150 persons attending. Among the invited guests we were proud to have with us our District Vice-President G. X. Barker and business managers from the adjoining states of Louisiana, and Alabama.

In attendance were Brother George Muller Business Manager of Local 130, New Orleans, and Assistant Business Manager Gordon of Local 505, Mobile, Alabama, and his wife.

Immediately after feasting on about four hundred pounds of shrimp and potato salad the tables were removed and Brother J. O. Bilbo our business manager at the trumpet, Bernard Slade at the drums, and Brother Jack R. Allen at the piano furnished some red hot music for dancing.

We can be truthful in saying a wonderful evening was had by all.

It seems as if the month of August is the month that pays off for the apprentices of Local 903 of Gulfport.

We as members and officers of Local 903 are proud to announce that Ronald J. Rose after much study and hard work has been selected as the outstanding apprentice to attend the Sixth Annual Southern States Apprenticeship Conference to be held at Atlanta, Georgia September 9, 10, 11, 1954. Congratulations, Ronald.

Good fortune seems to be lingering around our apprentices since the Saturday following the selection of Ronald Rose as the outstanding apprentice of Local 903. Another one of our apprentices had the good fortune, of holding the winning ticket

that made him the happy owner of a beautiful Bowman speed boat equipped with a 12 horse power out-board motor and also the trailer to haul it on.

Saturday morning August 21st the hearts of the members of Local 903, I. B. E. W. were filled with sadness when word of the death of their beloved Brother A. M. (Butch) Lefevre was announced.

Brother Lefevre died in New Orleans, Louisiana at Foundation Hospital after a short illness. He was a member of the I. B. E. W. for many years and served as business manager for seven years and a few months. He was always ready and willing to do his part in the upbuilding of the I. B. E. W.

Brother Lefevre was a Master Mason being a member of the Trowell Lodge No. 386 New Orleans, Louisiana. He served as Worshipful Master and was also a member of the Knight Temple and the Wahabi Temple Shriner of Jackson, Mississippi.

May his Soul and the Souls of our departed Brothers rest in peace.

HAROLD W. LENAZ, P. S.

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Ventura Barbecue Spells Good Time

L. U. 952, VENTURA, CALIF.—I wish to report the success, large attendance and a general good time for our annual barbecue of Local 952 of Ventura, California.

Having gone through the growing pains from a membership of about 35 to nearly 300 in about 10 years, the local is now leveling to an average and we hope prosperous stage.

Our president, Brother Bowerline and continued business manager, Brother Hurst are pleased that most of the members are at work.

The Apprenticeship Committee reports an attendance of about 50 interested students.

To the Memory of G. W. Fain

Whereas our Heavenly Father in his supreme wisdom has seen fit to remove from our ranks our dear Brother and friend G. W. Fain, and

Whereas he was a member of this Brotherhood for 16 years; being a charter member and serving as its leader and president for 11 years, and

Whereas he was always interested in the welfare of his fellow men in assisting them to get the better things of life; and

Whereas Brother Fain was respected as a Brother and citizen; was always a hard worker, never shirking any of his duties; therefore be it

Resolved: That we stand in silent prayer in memory to him for one minute; That we show honor to him for the life he lived among us;

That our charter be draped for a period of 30 days;

That a copy of this resolution, with our deepest sympathy, be forwarded to his wife and family;

That a copy be spread upon the minutes of this meeting of Local 907 and a copy be mailed to the ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL for publication.

JAMES F. LOWDER, B. M.

Attractive Exhibit



Local 968, the West Virginia-Ohio Valley chapter of National Electrical Contractors, six contractors and Sylvania Electric Products Corp. recently sponsored this attractive exhibit at the Wood County Fair in Parkersburg, W. Va.

I hope to send some pictures of installations and of some personnel in time for publication.

The report that this district is by way of having a large atomic plant development is largely prospective and no employment is seen in the foreseeable future.

Hoping this initial contribution by this press secretary will make your column,

WAYNE B. BAYLESS, P. S.

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Win NLRB Election At Florida Mill

L. U. 982, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—The Fernandina unit of Local 982 met at the St. Joseph hall to hear the report of our delegate to the International Convention. Brother Carl Hershberger gave a very interesting report and the membership showed a lot of interest in the action of the

Convention, especially concerning the pension plan. We all need to know more about the operation of our union, not only on the local level, but top level as well, and the best place to get this information is at the union meetings.

Brother Hershberger gave an excellent report and deserves the thanks of our organization for a job well done.

We are very happy to announce that the I.B.E.W. won the N.L.R.B. election at the Rayonier Mill at Fernandina, Florida. We welcome the new members into our organization and we feel that as time passes by, they like ourselves, will appreciate the benefits of membership in an organization that is devoted to one craft. In our opinion there is no substitute for craft unionism.

Last Monday the parent Local 982 met at the Labor Temple in Jacksonville. Reports of various committees were read and action taken. Brother Carl Hershberger again reported on the Convention in his concise and to-the-point manner. Several new members were voted on and the obligation was given to Brother Jim Parsons, of the Fernandina unit. Welcome Jim, to a good union.

The vacations are over and it's time for us all to be asking ourselves the question, "Are we as loyal to our union as the union is to us?" Does your shop steward ask you how many meeting nights you missed before he handles your grievance? Of course not, if you are a member with a paid-up dues card he will fight as hard for you as he would for the man who never misses a meeting. Are we who let "George do it" fair to ourselves and the union when we refuse to take time out one night

a month to give that man in the chair our support?

Brother, if you believe in a strong union and improved working conditions, come out to the next meeting. Let's get acquainted—we do have something in common, we belong to the same local and we can't get to know each other unless we meet—your union meeting is a good place for that.

ROBERT P. STORES, P. S.

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Mississippi Power Dedicates New Plant

L. U. 985, CLEVELAND, MISS.—Greetings to all fellow members of this great I.B.E.W. from Local Union 985. This is our first time to be heard from in the JOURNAL and here's hoping all of you will bear with me until I learn how to do a fair job as being press secretary.

Well the 25th Convention is over and I suppose all the delegates have returned to their respective local unions. We had a great time in the big city of Chicago and we want to extend our thanks to all the Locals in Chicago who made our stay most pleasant. Also to Local Union 349 we wish to thank you again for the 50th Anniversary seat cushion which certainly made one end of our stay there more pleasant.

The Mississippi Power and Light Company, our boss, has just dedicated our new 210,000 K.W. Steam Plant here at Cleveland and I must say it was a great event for this city, with about 8,000 friends attending and making away with the 2,500 chickens and a ton of potato salad.

We, as a local union have been having quite a bit of trouble here lately with two of our board members being taken into management. Also our loyal Brother and president is sick in the hospital with a heart attack. We all pray for his speedy recovery.

Well Brothers, in closing, we pray God's richest blessings upon all of you in this great I.B.E.W. of ours, and here's hoping we all seek His guidance in running our own individual local unions.

W. R. MOORE, P. S.

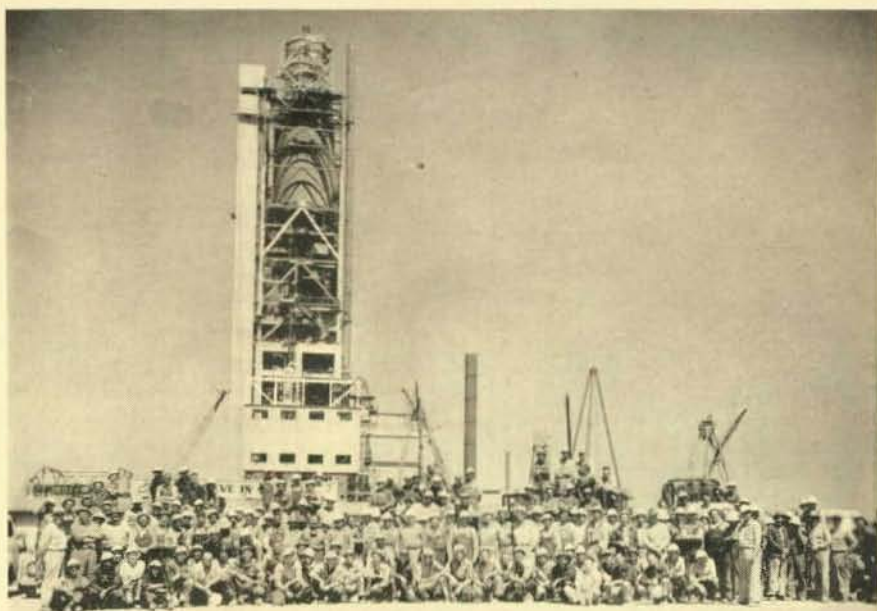
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Bellingham Refinery County's Biggest Job

L. U. 1032, BELLINGHAM, WASH.—The General Petroleum Refinery being built here by the Bechtel Corporation is the largest construction job we have ever had here in Whatcom County.

As we could not begin to man this job, we have had to draw men from all over the country and have been

Washington Refinery Rises



Approximately 140 members of Local 1032 who are engaged in work on large General Petroleum Refinery, largest job in Whatcom County History.

complimented on the fine class of wiremen that we have secured for this job. We, in turn, wish to compliment the Bechtel Corporation for going all out on a safety program. To date our boys have put in over 130,000 man hours with only eight hours time lost due to injury. At our peak, we had 220 wiremen which has now dwindled down to approximately 100 and will fade away fast as the job is nearing completion. This crew was taken care of by five general foremen, 18 foremen and our shop steward, Art Disler. Art has done a magnificent job in keeping things on an even keel and seeing that we held on to our own jurisdiction. While our International Secretary, Brother Joe Keenan, was in the Northwest, he visited this plant and gave a very fine talk to the 2100 men employed on this project. I am enclosing a picture taken on the job.

Our Marine Division is still going strong despite the fact that one yard finished its contract and is slowed down for the present. Our biggest yard has about 140 marine men with about a year and a half of work still in sight. As marine men were nonexistent, we had to man these yards with men from all walks of life. The manner in which these men have taken hold and learned their business is reflected in the man-hours spent on these boats. The electrical work on the first AMS class minesweeper took 62,000 hours; on the 5th boat it was down to 30,000 man-hours. We have been told by high ranking visitors that we have the finest small boat yards on the Pacific Coast and we know the Navy is well pleased with the finished product.

Our Radio-Television Unit is commencing to take shape now and we expect to have quite a few members under this classification before too long. Although our local has grown from 65 members in January, 1953, to approximately 300, we are still a small local. However, we are quite optimistic about the future and expect big things to be popping here soon.

Incidentally, we went over 100 percent on our LLPE contribution and have loaned money to the Jubilee Pension Fund. How about your local, have you done the same?

VICTOR B. ROSS, B. M.

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Special Christmas Party For Children Set

L. U. 1073, AMBRIDGE, PA.—The Christmas party will be held Saturday, December 18th in the Ambridge High School auditorium at 2:30 p.m. Santa Claus wants to see all union members' children under 12 years of age. Also, the Social Benefit Committee wants all union members' children to attend and make this a big Christmas party.

Francis Kroker, electrician for 21 years, left the service here at Ambridge, September first, but will continue working for National Electric at their Torrance, California plant. Brother Kroker wanted to go out there for his wife's health. He was well known all over the plant and will be missed here for his jolly smile. But he did leave a name behind. The Kroker Street in Harmony Township

is named after the family, as his father was a big landowner there at one time. We wish Brother Kroker lots of luck at his new place and job, and we do know that the employees at Torrance plant will like Brother Kroker.

Velma Bergandy, messenger girl, is engaged to Bill Mecham. No wedding date has been selected. Congratulations.

The Sapovchak boys, Sam from the Pipe Shop, Andrew from the Rocket Department and Mike from the Press Room, all had a good time at a big wedding September 18th. Their baby brother Steve, married Emma Jean Gozur, who is also the baby in the family and the sister of your press correspondent. Brother Mitzy Nitkulnich from the Rolling Department was best man and your press correspondent was master of ceremonies. The Sapovchak boys say there's nothing like a big wedding to meet your friends and relatives.

Al Langa, Nepeoduct Department, had his son Alex enrolled as a freshman at Carnegie Institute of Technology. He will major in engineering. We wish him lots of luck.

Did you know that William Fair, Storeroom, is the oldest (only 78) employee and union member here at National Electric? And he is still going strong.

Gloria Pastalak, Test Department office, is now Gloria Genvaro.

Walter Kleemook, Executive Board member, has this to say. What a coincidence that just last Christmas your press correspondent asked Santa to bring Brother Kleemook a real live doll baby. And this year the doctor is predicting that Santa should deliver this wish about December 24th. We are wishing your wife the best of health and luck.

These girls in the Testing Office all had their hair cut short during the hot weather to keep cool. Louise Ann Papovich says the cold weather does not affect her. She will let her hair stay short. Rose Colangelo likes her hair short as there is no one-hour combing before coming to work. Mildred Rosenbargh is so light on her feet for all the chasing she does after her boss, Tony when the phone rings, she says the short haircut is easy to keep in place. Kay Tyma says if Santa brings her something to cover that short haircut she will wear it just to satisfy Santa. But in all they are proud of their short hair.

John Deyber, local union president, is wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Al Pfeiffer, chairman of the Executive Board, says, "also a Happy New Year."

Ernest Kalember, Executive Board member, says, "have a good time but don't eat too much, you might get fat like Santa."

John Zalinski, Executive Board

member, wants Santa to remember all the children especially.

James Koury, Executive Board member, is wishing that Santa will not forget a new soft ball for our local players.

Steve Altounian, Executive Board member, says "Santa, please don't forget any of our girls. They're all pretty."

Walter Kleemook, Executive Board member, is also wishing a Merry Christmas to all the Russians on their Christmas.

JOHN GOZUR, P. S.

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Local 1076 Completes New Wage Negotiations

L. U. 1076, TOLEDO, OHIO.—Wage negotiations for our Automatic Heat and Power Control Division, have been completed.

The Automatic Heat and Power Controls Division handles the work of service and maintenance on home and industrial heating equipment.

The journeyman's pay bracket has increased \$.12 from \$2.77 to \$2.89. The Apprentice pay bracket has gone up as well, as follows:

50%	1st 6 months	\$1.44½	per hour
55%	2nd 6 months	1.59	" "
60%	3rd 6 months	1.73½	" "
65%	4th 6 months	1.88	" "
70%	5th 6 months	2.02½	" "
75%	6th 6 months	2.17	" "
80%	7th 6 months	2.31½	" "
85%	8th 6 months	2.46	" "

Also a one per cent gross payroll deduction toward the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Pension Fund.

The wages of the men in this section of the local have gone from \$1.25 per hour for a journeyman's rate eight years ago, to the present rate of \$2.89 per hour, by negotiations only. At no time was there any strike on or work stoppage of any kind. Of this, the men in Local 1076 are proud.

Nine years ago, things were different. No union in Toledo would have these men, Local 50, Pipefitters and Plumbers, Local 6, Sheet Metal Workers, or Local 8, I.B.E.W. Now, things have changed to the extent that Local 6, Sheet Metal Workers have offered a membership card without the usual \$200.00 initiation fee. As yet, no one has accepted their offer.

Local 8, I.B.E.W., has done much to help us organize and lend a helping hand.

WALTER ROMAS, P. S.

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Work At Coast Guard Yard Showing Upswing

L. U. 1383, BALTIMORE, MD.—Your attention please, for a very few mo-

ments of reading pleasure through these pages of our *Journal*. By now, all have put away the summer vacation atmosphere and are getting back to work on their usual routines and preparing for the long winter nights that will be with us in a very few weeks.

I know you would love to hear the report of the good old Coast Guard yard at Curtis Bay, Maryland. Things are humming somewhat and the personnel that are still on the roll are carrying on. That is really good news!

Now a few remarks from the meeting hall. President Lawrence Tarlton in the chair did a splendid job in getting the very interesting meeting over in quick-time. The highlight event was the report of your Convention. Delegate George Burkhardt gave a word-for-word report of all the activities that occurred throughout the meeting. Brother Burkhardt very ably gave the Convention all the cooperation it needed, and members and officers of Local Union No. 1383 greatly appreciate the delegate's untiring efforts in promoting the good and welfare of our organization, even though he had to take a plane and get up in the air to do so. How 'bout that?

REUBEN SEARS, P. S.

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Local 1402 Lauds Pres. Milne, Convention

L. U. 1402, PITTSBURGH, PA.—Once again it comes time to get the news together for the *JOURNAL*. We have been back from the convention in Chicago for about a week now and it was a week of our lives which will long be remembered, as one well spent. J. Scott Milne, I.B.E.W. President is to be congratulated for the splendid way he conducted same. What with all the hard work and constant strain he was still able to maintain a wonderful sense of humor.

The "Hula Hula" dancers and the electing of the Convention Queen were two of the highlights of this great 25th Convention.

The other officers should also take a bow for making each delegate feel so assured and welcomed. So again I say to you men, thanks a million for everything and we are proud of being in the "Brotherhood" of the I.B.E.W. and all it stands for.

There comes a time when one must say good bye to warm and dear friends but friend is hardly the word describing Mr. W. I. Patterson who passed away September 6, 1954. He was chairman of the board here at the Steel City Electric Company and was something like a father to all of us. When "Patty" walked through the plant there was always a cheery hello and a kind word of encourage-

ment for all. He will be sadly missed by all here at the plant.

Work here at Pittsburgh plant has been very good and the way it looks it should hold up for some time to come.

"BUZZ" SCHWARTZ, P. S.

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Expresses Appreciation For Contract Advances

L. U. 1439, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Lest we forget to show our appreciation for the fine job our Negotiation Committee did—retroactive to July 1: A pay raise of 3.8 per cent, greatly improved pension plan, an increase of about 18 per cent in benefits; improved vacations—10 year service, three weeks, four weeks in the 25th year of service; pay rate protection for older or incapacitated workers no longer able to do present work, and other gains in benefits. This is a very just and equitable package obtained by honest minds across the negotiation table.

It is hard to find words to really describe the true picture of the International Convention in Chicago. An assembly of 3200 delegates from all over the United States, Hawaii and Canada and thousands of visitors was masterfully conducted by our President, J. Scott Milne. It was opened by a prayer and invocation by His Eminence, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago. Each day's work was begun in the spiritual manner by a religious of every denomination.

Due credit for general arrangement must be given to the local Convention Committee for a really efficient job. The schedule of the convention was so arranged to take the least time and effort in arriving at the most good.

The most important work of the Convention was on resolutions to change articles in our Constitution and this took a considerable amount of available time.

We had with us many distinguished speakers: Mayor Kennelly of Chicago, Governor W. G. Stratton of Illinois, who delivered a most inspiring message, Roy F. Cummings, Director of Labor for the State of Illinois and delegate from Local 134, George Meany, President of A. F. of L., who was most impressive, Willis Gale, President, Commonwealth Edison, Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson, who spoke in his inimitable style, D. B. Clayton, Sr., President, NECA, who must be read to be appreciated, and Louis Sherman, General Counsel, I.B.E.W. I recommend that each member read Mr. Sherman's speech. (See speech in October Journal.)

The closing of the convention by President Milne with most inspiring comment and silent prayer will long be remembered.

New Pittsburgh Plant



Excavation work underway for the new addition to the Steel City Electric Company. Local 1402 sees lots of work ahead.

I bring to your attention a statement made by a Captain of the Chicago Police force that this, the largest labor convention ever held, was the most orderly of any convention ever held in the City of Chicago. So, your delegates behaved as gentlemen both at work and play. I am proud that I was a small part of this successful convention.

The meeting of delegates from all branches of our great electrical industries exchanging views, establishing unity accomplished the purpose

of the convention—stronger union for us all.

Remember always our ailing and departed Brothers.

TOM RAUER, R. S.

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New Contract for Mississippi Local 1493

L. U. 1493, JACKSON, MISS.—Brother Ernest Boyles, President of Local Union 1493, had called for

Local 1493 Negotiators



This is the Negotiating Committee that represented Local 1493, Jackson, Miss., at recent contract discussions. From left are: Tommy Beckham, Ernest Boyles, Jack Sanders, Dorothy Tullas, and Hugh Berry.

volunteers for the post of press secretary for so many years that I can't remember. He grew tired of asking for someone to fill this job, so he drafted me: I surrendered to the draft and this is my first shot, so be good to me, dear pencil.

Funny . . . isn't it, how you have to beg someone to do a job for you in the local unions now-a-days. Brother Howard Durand, International Representative, who spends a lot of time at Jackson and Vicksburg, was giving me the story of a fellow who walked up to the president of a new local union and volunteered for any kind of duty to be performed. At the last report they were still treating the local union president for shock. When it comes to recognizing the soundness of a financial program or the practical aspects of running a local union, all help possible is needed.

I started out to tell you about our negotiations with General Electric. Our local union committee consists of Tommy Beckham, financial secretary; Ernest Boyles, president; Jack Sanders, business manager; Dorothy Tullas, recording secretary and yours truly. We are being assisted by International Representative Howard Durand. (See photo). We have asked for some 20 contract changes. Nothing unreasonable. . . just a few benefits us boys and girls need to keep us happy on the job. As usual . . . we find the company negotiators cold blooded and with a big mouth full of NO to our request. We have heard no for lo . . . these many years until we kindly wish they would take the ugly thing from our dictionary.

I will not try to hog up all the space for my first time, so I will leave you with this thought. . . Keep your shirt-tail anchored down, cause Jackson is the first major city east of the Mississippi river and the twisters have a habit of using the Mississippi Delta you know.

HUGH BERRY, P. S.

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Majority of Local's Membership Votes

L. U. 1505, WALTHAM, MASS.—A great record of achievement was set by this organization in September by having 65 percent of its membership turn out to vote in the regular and run-off elections. Past President David J. Coady, Jr., executed his last official duty by installing the new officers at a Quincy meeting.

Seated were President Edward J. McDonald, Vice President John J. Casey, (reelected); Consuelo Morgan, recording secretary, (reelected); James A. Johnson, treasurer, (reelected); and Lawrence J. Thomson, financial-secretary.

Local 1505 Election



Local 1505 members casting the largest vote ever recorded by the union.



L. J. Thomson, Local 1505's new financial secretary.



Henry F. Iseman, Jr., Raytheon plant steward, praised for fine work as union election judge.



John J. Casey, re-elected Local 1505 vice president.



Henry J. Brides, right, recently re-elected president of Mass. Federation of Labor, and Andrew A. McGlinchey, Local 1505 business mgr.

Andrew A. McGlinchey was handed the reins of the office of business manager after having served as assistant to two former business managers since 1950. Formerly he served as temporary vice president in the early years of the local.

Six of the Executive Board members were returned to office. They were Alice C. Walker, Wilbur A.

Simpson, James F. Sullivan, Ruth B. Carney, James A. Anderson and John J. O'Toole. Newcomers are Joseph E. Morrissey, who copped the most votes in that category, James W. Lynch, Elizabeth T. DeStefano and Edna Murphy.

Negotiations with Raytheon, slowed down by a succession of state, international conventions, two hurricanes and two union elections, got underway with a stepped-up schedule.

Outgoing Business Manager Henry J. Campbell expressed his thoughts in this manner: "When I was elected to this position in 1952 I based my administration on service to the membership. I feel confident that I have fulfilled that goal. I wish to thank all those who helped keep this local high in the ranks of labor during the past two years and I am certain we will continue on that high plane."

JOSEPH VALLELLY, P. S.

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Hurricane's Wake Leaves Hanson Hit

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—We at Wheelers, as well as the rest of this locality are still clearing up after the hurricanes, and while enjoying the cool autumn weather, are wondering what happened to the summer which did not put in an appearance here.

Damage to electric power made it impossible for production to go on, and for a week only the clean up and repair crews worked.

Many of the employees were preparing their meals on out-of-doors camp fires and bringing water from nearby lakes. Anyone who had kept well and hand pumps was a very popular person. The town water supply was repaired and in use the second day and the Plymouth County Hospital switched to its own generator, but stores and eating places closed early and newspapers were sketchily read by candlelight and were used mostly to kindle the flickering fire under the blackened water-bucket.

And today we are taking for granted those everyday blessings that were beyond our reach three weeks ago.

The full crews are back at work again with many new hands to catch up on the lost hours. Many departments are doing overtime work to fill the rush of orders.

New England woodlands, which at this time of the year attract hundreds of tourists to enjoy the beauty of the autumn foliage, are a dingy green with crinkly brown edges, but nature seems to be breathing new life into the trees that withstood the winds, and a flush of color appears here and there like returning color to an invalid's cheeks and our autumn beauty may only be delayed. While damage to property, crops and stock was alarmingly high we can be thankful that there was no great loss of life.

We are working on the large Navy orders which have been coming in for the past years. Our local 1514 is having better attendance of late. Can

Record Vote



Members of Local 1505 line up to cast their votes before going to work.

it be because of a prize which has been offered? However it may be that the members who attend will find their interest quickened and new ideas for the good of all will result.

Ida has been entertaining her granddaughter from California.

Mary Turner, our business steward, had the barn at her farm in Middleboro flattened in the big wind.

Anna MacRae expects to return to work soon after two months illness.

The heart, from the hardest trials
Gains the purest joys of all;
And from lips that have tasted sadness

The sweetest words will fall;
So, as peace comes after suffering
And love is reward of pain
So after earth comes heaven,
And out of our loss, comes gain.

VERDA M. LANE, P. S.

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Progress Reviewed By Local 1631 Officer

L. U. 1631, HARMON, N. Y.—November—the month of National elections and Thanksgiving. It is coincidental that these two holidays fall in the same month, for we have our free elections the first part of the month and are able to give thanks for the same at the end of the month. Not to forget all the other blessings we enjoy in this wonderful country of ours.

I hope all remember to get out and vote on November 2nd, elect our friends and defeat our aggressors, particularly our Brothers in Westchester and Putnam Counties, now represented by the twins, Gwinn and Gamble. At this writing Mr. Gwinn if you will remember, at one time drafted a bill to try and abolish the Railroad Retirement Act, he also is the gentleman who made the startling assertion in his campaign for office in 1946, "Railroad labor is a noisy min-

ority." end quote. Let us show Mr. Gwinn that we are not only noisy but also active and intend to take him out of Washington and set him down in office in Westchester where he can write his memoirs.

I have just finished reading in the August-September issue of the JOURNAL, under Local Lines an article by a neighbor railroad local in reference to the agreement laid down by the Government Fact Finding Board, of course we also are not in complete agreement with the same either. But let us review a little history some 32 years ago. On July 1, 1922 when the non-operating unions went on a strike which was nation-wide the writer was on strike from that date until November 12th of the same year. To some of our younger Brothers that is history. But remember we have gotten a lot of progressive programs written into agreements. Slow progress I will have to admit, but did you ever stop to think that not one single days pay was lost through a strike in 32 years is an achievement for which we should give thanks this month to our System Councils and the Railway Employees Department A.F. of L.

To our Vice President John J. Duffy, Mike Fox and our general chairmen and their staffs this local union expresses its thanks.

DAVID H. VAN HOUTEN, P. S.

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Welfare Fund Open Letter Issued By Local

L. U. 1710, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Please use the following letter as our contribution to "Local Lines" this month.

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES TO INVESTIGATE UNION WELFARE FUNDS:

In conformity with time honored custom, when abuses appear to exist affecting sizeable segments of the American public, Congress appoints Investigating Committees with authority to take whatever action may be necessary to get the facts and then to recommend remedial legislation.

As a member of such a committee, this one to investigate Union Welfare Funds, each of you has an opportunity to render a fine service to the American people—at risk to your political future; or to do us all a great disservice—in which latter case you can doubtless gain headlines (and votes) by clever timing of roundly phrased utterances as to how “We Seen Our Duty And We Done It Noble.” True, it’s old stuff, but many of us still fall for it, as public opinion polls of certain recent other committee hearings have shown.

As you know, most “Union” Welfare Funds are in essence union-management funds, with equal voice in administration. In many cases the trustees call in a prominent community figure to serve as chairman.

“And now comes the rub,” which surely will try your mettle. It concerns many of the insurance companies—they usually hold the whip hand. And we don’t need to tell you that collectively they can exert more, much more political pressure than most of the rest of us combined.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the House group will try to work out legislation “to conserve these funds for the millions of working

men and women who are the beneficiaries. . . . the committee would look into cases involving kickbacks and other illegal practices and other abuses by fund trustees”.

Let’s dwell for a moment on these trustees over whom House Labor Committee Chairman McConnell (R., Penn.) has already cast a cloud by means of the above widely quoted statements.

Who are these trustees? In nearly all cases they are officials of the companies and of the unions concerned. Usually they “don’t know which way is up” as far as the intricacies of the insurance business are concerned. They have been placed in the trustee jobs because those who know them and work with them feel that they are the best prospects for watchdogs over large sums of money. In almost all cases these trustees are performing full time work at their regular jobs, usually far removed from the insurance field. They meet once a month or so and hear the report of the administrator of the fund, who very often is an individual with an insurance background. What with the Taft-Hartley Act requirements, insurance laws, and constant auditing by reputable firms, these innuendoes about “kickbacks . . . by trustees . . .” begins to sound remarkably like the bleatings of another committee chairman who has been discredited since the exposure of the fangs the flag-draped fleece couldn’t conceal.

It will be politically expedient, and so easy, to make a mountain out of a few crumbs picked up by a few greedy trustees and insurance brokers.

Doubtless a few bones are tossed from the groaning festive board at which many insurance companies are gorging themselves.

And now down to the heart of the matter. Very likely you won’t have much trouble getting any and all information from the funds themselves, from H.I.P., Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Kaiser Foundation, Ross-Loos, and dozens of other groups performing similar services. But getting real, meaningful figures from some of these insurance companies is something else. And when you finally do get enough material to satisfy yourselves as to what should be done about it, then what? Against one of the biggest businesses in the world—we wish you luck.

Insurance Details

While you are making your preliminary investigations, how about asking several hundred trustees what they know about the insurance details of their own funds. Their retention letter? What’s that? The percent of money going into benefits, the percent into administration, the percent staying with the insurance company—and how the insurance company justifies its “take?” The answers you get will be revealing.

And here is an angle you might well consider. Very often we make plans to get our other insurances wholesale through the company that carries the health and welfare. Here we are, good union members all trying to build and not tear down, yet taking away the livelihood of thousands of small insurance agencies. You know the guy we’re talking about—the little fellow around the corner who sponsors the boys baseball team and heads the local Community Chest campaign. But then maybe we should consider him just another small businessman who happens to be expendable under the newly stated national political “philosophy of economic conservatism with humanitarian overtones”. As everybody knows, “what’s good for General Motors is good for the country.”

Administration Fee

The unconscionable “take” of many insurance companies is only part of the story. On top of this is usually an administration fee, about which trustees often are quite confused. Readers Digest quotes 3% as the figure for one nationally known fund.

The job of the Congressional Committeeman is not easy for the conscientious individual. We hope and pray that, when the last vote is counted and the remedial legislation becomes law, you can say to your conscience, “Well Done”.

(Editor’s Note: Because of space limitations and our rule on the length

New Headquarters



Local 1710's Executive Board has moved into these attractive new headquarters at 2203 Venice Boulevard in Los Angeles.

of contributions to "Local Lines," we had to omit much of Brother Worley's extremely well-written and thought-provoking letter.)

BRICE WORLEY, B. R.

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Local 1772 Re-elects R. G. Boeck President

L. U. 1772, BUFFALO, N. Y.—On behalf of the officers and members of Local 1772, IBEW-AFL, Markel Electric Products, Inc. Buffalo, New York. I've been requested to submit an article of introduction to your JOURNAL.

We shall greatly appreciate your giving us some recognition in order that other locals may acquaint themselves with us. We have been affiliated with the IBEW-AFL for the past three years and prior to this we were represented by the United Electrical Workers (Ind). Many of you probably read about the strike which lasted six months and may have still been going on if the various organizations and our good friend and counselor Reverend James Healy, had not appealed to the AFL for their help. It was through their untiring efforts that a compromise and peaceful solution was finally arrived at, and workers who desperately needed money once again returned to work.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Reverend James Healy, St. Joseph's Guild and Charles Halloran former President of the Buffalo Federation of Labor and now fire commissioner of Buffalo. We also wish to thank Jerry Winterhalt, our International Representative who unselfishly contributed a great deal of his time guiding us in the complexities of labor-relations.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Press Secretary Walter Durawa who will be forwarding to you from time to time various articles of interest.

Enclosed you will find his first article covering recent activities which have taken place.

MARIE MENZA, R. S.

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On July 27, 1954 Robert G. Boeck was installed as president of Local 1772 IBEW-AFL which represents the workers at the Markel Electric Products, Inc. This incidentally is Brother Boeck's second term as our leader. Other officers installed by our past president Graham Reid are: Jack Liebner, vice-president; Marie Menza, recording secretary third term; Edith Simari, financial secretary third term; Loraine Ecker treasurer; and Benny Grover sergeant-at-arms, second term. Elected to the Board of Executives were: Jack

PRESS SECRETARY of the Month

Our press secretary salute for this month, goes to Howard E. Stapleton, Sr. who has been serving as press secretary of L.U. 212, Cincinnati, Ohio for more than two years. A new press secretary has recently taken over the sending of L.U. 212 news to our JOURNAL, but since Brother Stapleton had already been selected for this honor, we wish to pay him tribute for his two years of faithfully reporting news from his local. Here are the salient facts about our Brother Howard Stapleton.

He was born June 6, 1908. After graduating from high school, Brother Stapleton entered the banking field as a clerk and after six years, in which time he had advanced to the job of paying teller, he decided to desert the banking field for electricity, and with the assistance of his brother, James, a member of L.U. 212, also joined that local.

During the depression years when work was so scarce, Brother Stapleton secured a job as a cab driver for the Parkway Cab Company in Cincinnati. He carried his IBEW spirit of unionism with him over into this field and again with the able assistance of his brother, succeeded in organizing this company. Today, the Parkway Cab Company boasts proudly of the fact that it is the only AFL Cab Company in the City of Cincinnati.

In his more than 20 years membership in L.U. 212, Brother Stapleton has been active in numerous ways. In the interests of upholding standards of journeymanship, Brother Stapleton served three terms as a member of the local's Examining Board. At present



Howard E. Stapleton

he is in charge of all teams entering the IBEW Bowling Tournament to be held in Cincinnati May 7 and 8, 1955.

The Stapleton family is well represented in the IBEW. In addition to his brother, James, Howard has a son, Howard, Jr. and two nephews who are also members of L.U. 212. His brother William is a member of the Carpenters Union, AFL.

Knowing that everyone has a secret desire in life, we are interested in those of our members. Brother Stapleton's is a very worthy one—it is to see the banking employees of America organized, and perhaps to participate in this organization.

Many thanks to you, Brother Stapleton for your many interesting contributions to our JOURNAL, and good luck always.

Liebner, Leonard Glinski, Benny Spicer, Julian (Mike) Mikolajek and Loraine Ecker. Appointed by the president to serve as press secretary was Walter Durawa who is also a delegate to the Central Council of the AFL.

Approximately 500 members, their families and friends were enjoying themselves at a picnic sponsored by IBEW Local 1772, on Saturday July 24th. The picnic was held on the spacious grounds of the Creekland Park in Cheektowaga, New York. Many sporting events were held, amongst them a tug-of-war, which was won by the mighty team of Brownie Bulero. A sack race was also cheered on to victory and won by one of the member's daughters. A softball game was played by the teams representing supervision and factory. Captaining the office team was Judd Wilkes while the factory

was led by Chief Shop Steward Henry Kaszabowski. After four innings of play the game ended in a 7-7 tie. Our superintendent, Dennis Ogden displayed superb form on the mound for the office team, while for the factory, John Morrissey was the power hitter. A Markel Electric record player was donated by Mr. Joseph Markel as a door prize. Ray Kaszabowski aspirant for the senatorial seat of the Democratic Party in the 49th district also donated a cash prize. We the employees of the Markel Electric Products wish to express our sincerest thanks to the donors and all the co-workers for making this a never to be forgotten affair.

You will be hearing a lot more from our local, the future looks bright at out plant at 145 Seneca Street, Buffalo 3, New York.

WALTER DURAWA, P. S.

Local's 1788 At Work On Niagara Power Unit

L. U. 1788, TORONTO, ONT.—Here's some news of Ontario, Canada, from Local 1788, the local taking care of the Sir Adam Beck Generating Station No. 2 on the mighty Niagara River.

We think that the lads in the Brotherhood would like to hear from us, particularly as this is almost the windup of the job, and in fact it has been officially opened on August 30, by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent.

This has been 100 percent union labor job.

I would like to say a word of praise here for our officials at the local, which is operating from Toronto:

Brothers Frank Murphy, president, Bob Kelly, chief steward, K. Dubrowski, Executive Board member, John Casey, treasurer, M. G. Armstrong, secretary, Pete Coslett, business manager, all have done a really splendid job, not always being understood, but with steady progress, have made our local something to be proud of.

Special praise should be given to Brother Bob Wooden, our International Representative for his constant attendance at our monthly meeting, with his guidance and interest at all times. (*More information on this subject next month.*)

J. M. CASEY, Treasurer

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TV Servicemen Gain with RCA

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held by these representatives, aided by Lawson Wimberly, assistant to the International President, and International Representatives Taylor L. Blair and Frank J. Bradshaw. Proposals submitted to the company were drafted on the basis of conclusions received in the pre-negotiating discussions.

Changes made in the agreement include adding coverage of mobile communications system work, also micro-wave equipment where it is a part of such systems. Previously this work has been done by other than TV technicians in most locations.

Addition of the mobile communications work, it is anticipated, will help to maintain a steady level of employment in the TV branches during the off-season periods for TV service. For a similar purpose,



Aerial view of new Niagara power development, with Sir Adam Beck generating station Number Two in foreground. Many members of Local 1788 are at work on the big hydroelectric project.

installation and servicing of room air-conditioners was added to the agreement in 1952.

Included in the settlement were salary increases of \$3.00 per week for chief technicians, bringing their rate to \$118.00 per week, and a \$2.50 a week increase for journeymen technicians, brings their rate to \$97.50 for a 40-hour week. There were increases made in the apprentice rates also for stockmen, handling parts in the TV branches, who receive \$2.50 a week increase on all brackets rates except the top bracket which was granted an increase of \$3.00 a week, bringing their top rate to \$79.00 per 40-hour week.

Weekend Travel

Another item covered in this year's negotiations was a provision requiring pay for time spent by employees traveling on weekends to and from company assignments. Often it is necessary for employees to report for training program assignments, given by the company, hundreds of miles from the employees' regular base of work.

The Negotiating Committee also settled the question of pay for holidays that occur outside of an employee's regular work week. Because of vagueness in the language of the holiday section in the agree-

ment, several controversies had arisen. The revised provision definitely established that payment shall be made to employees for any holiday occurring on Sunday or one of the employee's days-off. Numerous other adjustments were made in the agreement with respect to apprenticeship training, substitute chief technicians in branches, dividing the vacation seasons and other items. Approximately 2,500 members of the Brotherhood are covered by the terms of this agreement.

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Anniversary of Great Crash

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works programs which would employ the jobless.

Then the Social Security Act of 1935 put a "floor" of minimum security under millions of people." Standard hours and wages were fixed to relieve the victims of a very rugged individualism, who worked long hours for very low pay. Collective bargaining was in general made mandatory, unions were authorized to protect workers, and the National Labor Relations Board was set up.

Again in 1937, a new wave of de-

pression had to be pushed back by New Deal policies of government borrowing and spending. But the nation had emerged from hopeless days of soup kitchens and bonus marchers.

War Drums Rattle

And even as we in America looked to better days, war drums were beginning their rattle once more across the seas. No one nation could prevent the coming agony of war, which evil men had planned. But at least the American people had been raised from the depths of the greatest depression in their history. At least they had been restored their dignity and self-respect and that hope for a better future which is necessary to meet any crisis successfully.

Answers to Weather Quiz

1. low
2. high
3. Kansas
4. mid-afternoon
5. clouds
6. Asia
7. Africa
8. the equator
9. dog days
10. June 21 or June 22
11. Galileo
12. Torricelli
13. Fahrenheit
14. the centigrade scale to the mercury thermometer
15. Columbus
16. term used to describe a sky spotted with small, white, fleecy clouds
17. a strong wind that rises suddenly, lasts for some minutes and dies suddenly away
18. barometer used in measuring altitude
19. a whirlwind over a dry, sandy region, which carries up dust into the air with it
20. an instrument for measuring the humidity of the air
21. a westerly breeze with pleasant warm weather supposed to prevail at the summer solstice
22. a periodic wind, especially in the Indian Ocean and Southern Asia
23. system of winds circulating about a center of low barometric pressure
24. an extremely violent and destructive whirlwind, moving forward as a whirling funnel extending down from a mass of dark clouds
25. a tropical cyclone

Death Claims for September, 1954

L. U.	NAME	Amount	L. U.	NAME	Amount
L. O. (3)	E. A. Nasel	1,000.00	125	K. S. Baymiller	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	E. J. Albers	1,000.00	126	J. J. Kelly	825.00
L. O. (3)	E. E. Bots	1,000.00	127	H. T. Kelly	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	W. Kopy	1,000.00	128	J. Vondrak	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	E. L. Huey	1,000.00	129	H. W. Stott, Jr.	1,000.00
L. O. (7)	J. F. Scanlon	1,000.00	130	E. Newcoer	1,000.00
L. O. (9)	R. C. Warriner	1,000.00	131	S. H. Copenson	1,000.00
L. O. (11)	G. H. Kluge	1,000.00	132	W. S. Helmut	300.00
L. O. (11)	C. M. Miks	1,000.00	133	C. H. Dorsey	1,000.00
L. O. (11)	M. Osterland	1,000.00	134	H. J. Fitzgerald	1,000.00
L. O. (11)	R. A. Swanson	1,000.00	135	P. H. Vincent	1,000.00
L. O. (11)	E. H. Curtis	1,000.00	136	P. O. Grady	1,000.00
L. O. (17)	E. A. Rhoades	1,000.00	137	W. Gushind	1,000.00
L. O. (18)	P. G. Bechtel	1,000.00	212	H. D. Ward	1,000.00
L. O. (28)	T. R. Cole	1,000.00	213	W. Hirth	1,000.00
L. O. (28)	J. Kaufmann	1,000.00	214	R. G. Lipsey	1,000.00
L. O. (28)	H. J. Haffinger	1,000.00	215	P. Perexma	1,000.00
L. O. (28)	E. A. Wetland	1,000.00	216	M. N. Kock	1,000.00
L. O. (44)	W. Kershaw	1,000.00	217	F. A. Monroe	150.00
L. O. (46)	A. W. Esselbach	1,000.00	218	L. Lutes	475.00
L. O. (51)	A. E. Whiteside	1,000.00	219	M. MacLean	1,000.00
L. O. (52)	J. A. Mayemman	1,000.00	220	E. J. DeSilva	1,000.00
L. O. (77)	J. H. Nuzant	1,000.00	221	E. J. Gardner	1,000.00
L. O. (98)	J. A. McDaniel	1,000.00	222	E. A. Gardiner	1,000.00
L. O. (113)	T. Mackey	1,000.00	223	R. B. Mathieu	1,000.00
L. O. (125)	W. H. Logan	1,000.00	224	L. J. Harrell	1,000.00
L. O. (129)	D. A. Lala	1,000.00	225	W. P. Kennedy	300.00
L. O. (134)	E. T. Powers	1,000.00	226	V. Thomas	150.00
L. O. (134)	G. L. Chamberlain	1,000.00	227	A. Bauman	1,000.00
L. O. (134)	P. W. Hickay	1,000.00	228	H. E. Harrook	1,000.00
L. O. (134)	J. Freund	1,000.00	229	S. L. Dunne	475.00
L. O. (134)	D. T. O'Keefe	1,000.00	230	M. E. Bradshaw	1,000.00
L. O. (143)	R. L. Naylor	1,000.00	231	J. J. Connell	1,000.00
L. O. (166)	W. J. Dickson	1,000.00	232	H. F. Klub	825.00
L. O. (193)	R. G. Ruyke	1,000.00	233	C. G. Cloate	1,000.00
L. O. (213)	J. C. Harrop	1,000.00	234	C. S. Schoonover	1,000.00
L. O. (245)	M. Kump	1,000.00	235	J. W. Pihnt, Sr.	1,000.00
L. O. (292)	W. George	1,000.00	236	N. Herrington	1,000.00
L. O. (321)	F. J. Sajna	1,000.00	237	T. C. Cameron	1,000.00
L. O. (325)	S. Petrak	1,000.00	238	H. Key	1,000.00
L. O. (349)	H. D. Toms	650.00	239	R. E. Amstadt	888.00
L. O. (368)	L. Depries	1,000.00	240	C. E. Lytle	650.00
L. O. (413)	P. C. Bree	1,000.00	241	E. B. Raby	1,000.00
L. O. (465)	C. L. Spies	1,000.00	242	M. J. Neabrey	1,000.00
L. O. (474)	F. A. Bourland	1,000.00	243	C. Wallace	300.00
L. O. (481)	L. G. Burns	1,000.00	244	R. E. Paxton	1,000.00
L. O. (522)	W. R. Fulton	1,000.00	245	J. R. Reid, Jr.	1,000.00
L. O. (551)	F. H. Badger	1,000.00	246	J. O. Watrous	1,000.00
L. O. (574)	H. Clark	1,000.00	247	M. Bradford	475.00
L. O. (596)	G. W. Grindley	1,000.00	248	H. B. Smith	300.00
L. O. (729)	E. Sebave	1,000.00	249	H. C. Oliver	150.00
L. O. (817)	L. H. Roth	1,000.00	250	R. Williams	1,000.00
L. O. (828)	C. Montgomery	1,000.00	251	R. H. Otto	1,000.00
L. O. (856)	H. E. Rinne	1,000.00	252	H. F. Smith	1,000.00
L. O. (965)	M. C. Fox	1,000.00	253	J. Turner	1,000.00
L. O. (967)	J. B. Prosser	1,000.00	254	R. K. Ferris, Jr.	1,000.00
L. O. (1091)	G. Cummings	1,000.00	255	W. A. Jones	1,000.00
L. O. (1249)	P. L. Lovelock	1,000.00	256	E. Delmore	1,000.00
1	F. H. Burhart	1,000.00	257	M. Zabolski	475.00
1	A. C. Furness	300.00	258	S. E. Jackson	650.00
2	J. Deans	215.87	259	M. Charbonneau	475.00
3	W. V. Muldoon	1,000.00	260	A. W. Allard	825.00
3	B. A. Seeman	1,000.00	261	J. W. Gravelly	650.00
3	G. J. Duffy	1,000.00	262	C. F. Buxton	300.00
3	F. A. Spencer	1,000.00	263	A. C. Glazier	1,000.00
3	P. K. Demarjian	1,000.00	264	A. U. Eckstrom	1,000.00
3	M. Cantwell	1,000.00	265	C. R. Kennedy	475.00
3	G. H. Apelskog	1,000.00	266	H. L. Moyer	1,000.00
3	M. E. Schonth	1,000.00	267	J. W. Baldwin	1,000.00
5	T. Fedak	300.00	268	C. A. Heuven	1,000.00
6	C. E. Tanner	1,000.00	269	N. D. Vandusen	1,000.00
7	M. I. Hill	1,000.00	270	E. C. Gracy	1,000.00
9	M. Carlotano	1,000.00	271	L. Kushner	1,000.00
9	G. E. Lyren	1,000.00	272	A. A. Richter	1,000.00
9	J. R. Carver	1,000.00	273	W. H. Rodicker	1,000.00
9	E. D. Davies	1,000.00	274	H. O. Pearson	1,000.00
9	E. W. Littlejohn	1,000.00	275	C. J. Chambers	1,000.00
22	H. L. Christoffersen	1,000.00	276	D. R. Moffatt	1,000.00
26	J. Doonan	655.85	277	G. W. Hurrell	1,000.00
26	T. J. Vance	1,000.00	278	F. G. Rose	1,000.00
27	C. W. Bidaly	1,000.00	279	C. Belton	300.00
37	J. Freeman	300.00	280	J. D. Gann	1,000.00
38	A. D. Yost	300.00	281	A. L. Stone	1,000.00
38	T. B. Scott	1,000.00	282	L. N. Wickline	1,000.00
39	C. A. Baer	1,000.00	283	A. M. Lefevre	1,000.00
40	W. J. Ross	1,000.00	284	C. L. Irwin	1,000.00
40	J. L. Liley	1,000.00	285	E. L. Sommerfeldt	1,000.00
45	R. H. Todd	1,000.00	286	W. E. Scott	1,000.00
52	L. Josie	1,000.00	287	R. E. Ducharme	650.00
53	J. G. Fort	1,000.00	288	J. B. Pryor	1,000.00
58	M. Haskell	1,000.00	289	R. S. Wilson	1,000.00
66	W. Westmoreland	150.00	290	E. C. Jensen	475.00
73	C. H. McPherson	300.00	291	G. C. White	433.34
77	E. L. Powell	1,000.00	292	D. K. Locke	300.00
90	R. A. Chapman	1,000.00	293	V. G. Bennett	1,000.00
100	J. J. McKelitt	1,000.00	294	P. Shultz	1,000.00
110	J. W. Rowan	1,000.00	295	F. S. Severson	1,000.00
110	M. C. Dokken	1,000.00	296	W. Dean	1,000.00
112	J. B. Dentillo	1,000.00	297	S. A. Condel	475.00
116	R. E. Davis	1,000.00	298	G. G. Pickens	1,000.00
120	J. W. David	1,000.00	299	B. F. Ballard	825.00
125	J. O. McAdams	1,000.00			
125	D. V. Sani	1,000.00			
		Total	\$183,755.56		

IN MEMORIAM

Prayer for Our Deceased Members

Our Father Who art in heaven, but Who also dwells on earth in the hearts of men of good will, we come to Thee in our sorrow. We have lost many of our members this month in death. We miss them sadly for they were our Brothers. We ask Thee, our Father, to look kindly on them, those whose names are recorded here. Let the smile of Thy peace fall upon them and the light of Thy mercy shine 'round about them, and let Thy hand reach out gently to them, and lead them home.

And then, Lord, we pray for another gift—the gift of understanding and comfort and peace, for the loved ones of our Brethren who are so grieved and sorrowful in their loneliness.

And now dear Lord, we add a final request, that Thou look with love upon us, we who make this prayer. Let Thy gentleness and good will flow in an unending stream into our lives, that surrounded by Thy love, we will live better lives and in turn show love and good will to every fellow man. This we ask of Thee today and every day. Amen.

David Arnott, Jr., L. U. No. 6
Born May 30, 1932
Initiated December 2, 1950
Killed in Korea July 10, 1953

Carl Tanner, L. U. No. 6
Born January 18, 1886
Initiated October 11, 1935
Died August 14, 1954

Joseph Lewis, L. U. No. 17
Born November 12, 1894
Reinitiated November 25, 1929
Died September 4, 1954

Perry G. Bechtol, L. U. No. 18
Born February 3, 1885
Initiated August 4, 1927
Died September 9, 1954

Henry Erickson, L. U. No. 18
Born July 17, 1883
Initiated August 14, 1924
Died September 10, 1954

Stacy W. Litke, L. U. No. 18
Born December 25, 1909
Initiated April 10, 1937
Died September 22, 1954

Louis F. Jefferson, L. U. No. 28
Born February 10, 1890
Initiated June 14, 1918
Died September 13, 1954

William L. McClintock, L. U. No. 28
Born January 23, 1924
Initiated October 3, 1947
Died October 1, 1954

George Truett, L. U. No. 28
Born March 9, 1906
Initiated July 17, 1953
Died September 25, 1954

Howard Tibbetts, L. U. No. 31
Born August 28, 1889
Initiated October 24, 1933
Died September 14, 1954

William Kershaw, L. U. No. 41
Born February 16, 1872
Initiated June 11, 1906
Died August 17, 1954

James W. Lewis, L. U. No. 66
Born October 18, 1898
Initiated April 5, 1934
Died July 22, 1954

Louis Vander Meer, L. U. No. 107
Born August 27, 1912
Initiated October 5, 1945
Died September 13, 1954

Marvin C. Dokken, L. U. No. 110
Born February 1, 1889
Initiated February 1, 1938
Died August 30, 1954

John W. Rowan, L. U. No. 110
Born May 24, 1885
Initiated April 2, 1929
Died August 17, 1954

Robert Julius Reinhardt, L. U. No. 130
Born December 11, 1887
Initiated August 9, 1942
Died September 8, 1954

Richard A. Olson, L. U. No. 160
Born July 11, 1926
Initiated September 5, 1953
Died August 24, 1954

Lance Petersen, L. U. No. 160
Born June 17, 1912
Initiated April 30, 1937
Died September 15, 1954

Harold Martin Davis, L. U. No. 271
Born February 6, 1905
Initiated December 1, 1946
Died September 23, 1954

Compton Till Miller, L. U. No. 310
Born April 21, 1898
Initiated September 7, 1943
Died June 18, 1954

Clarence Raby, L. U. No. 390
Born September 30, 1912
Initiated July 18, 1929
Died August 22, 1954

Robert E. Paxton, L. U. No. 428
Born December 6, 1898
Initiated September 25, 1941
Died September 6, 1954

C. L. Spies, L. U. No. 465
Born January 27, 1883
Initiated November 17, 1926
Died August 21, 1954

Arthur U. Eckstrom, L. U. No. 595
Born May 30, 1890
Initiated December 8, 1937
Died September 5, 1954

Alfred C. Glazier, L. U. No. 595
Born January 24, 1889
Initiated October 16, 1912
Died August 18, 1954

M. T. Hotchkiss, L. U. No. 595
Born January 18, 1895
Initiated April 26, 1922
Died July 19, 1954

William J. Roney, L. U. No. 595
Born September 1, 1887
Initiated October 9, 1936
Died August 20, 1954

Fred John Carr, Jr., L. U. No. 602
Born January 23, 1923
Initiated December 31, 1941
Died September 17, 1954

James W. Bailey, L. U. No. 637
Born June 24, 1899
Initiated April 11, 1941
Died August 3, 1954

Lorna Ballard, L. U. No. 713
Born 1914
Initiated August 22, 1951
Died September 1954

Allen Richter, L. U. No. 713
Born November 4, 1911
Initiated April 6, 1936
Died August 20, 1954

Carlos Santos, L. U. No. 713
Born May 12, 1933
Initiated August 21, 1953
Died September 1954

Herman Ziemann, L. U. 713
Born 1905
Initiated November 29, 1950
Died September 1954

H. O. Pearson, L. U. No. 734
Born June 27, 1907
Initiated December 3, 1937
Died August 30, 1954

John J. Weeks, L. U. No. 1098
Born 1898
Initiated August 30, 1937
Died August 13, 1954

William Winchel, L. U. No. 1098
Initiated August 30, 1937
Died August 19, 1954

Victor VanBenthuyssen, L. U. No. 1369
Born March 12, 1907
Initiated January 12, 1949
Died September 13, 1954

Edgar B. Williams, L. U. No. 1369
Born 1888
Initiated January 12, 1949
Died September 14, 1954

Louis Carbone, L. U. No. 1505
Born September 13, 1887
Initiated September 13, 1949
Died September 16, 1954

Helen J. McHugh, L. U. No. 1505
Born October 23, 1932
Initiated February 28, 1951
Died September 25, 1954

John L. Twohig, L. U. No. 1505
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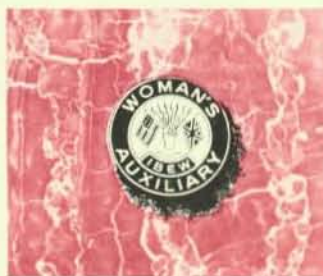
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